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high ball.



WORLD CUP DRAW

We can't complain

I LIKE IT! The World Cup draw that has put us in Group Four with France, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait has been kind to us.

There are so many other teams worse off than England that we cannot complain.

When I saw that we were number 13 among the 24 nations that went into the hat I began to wonder what was in store for us.

It just goes to show that it can be lucky for some!

After our victory over Hungary at Wembley I wrote in Match Weekly that England could go all the way and win the World Cup.

I see nothing to change my mind. It is as good as we could have expected.

I certainly wouldn't swap places with Scotland who were dreadfully unlucky not to be seeded and then to be grouped with two of the really fancied sides in Brazil and Russia.

Northern Ireland's draw I would put on a par with our own. In fact, groups four and five are probably the best of the lot.

My biggest concern beforehand was that we might be grouped with either Scotland or Northern Ireland.

To have come all this way and then to have been drawn against each other would have been a tragedy.

Another great thing for England is that in France and Czechoslovakia we have two teams capable of taking points off each other.

And having to play Kuwait last is a real bonus. By that time we'll be left knowing just what we've got to do and maybe how many goals we have to score to qualify.

One thing we didn't want was to play the weakest team in the group first, when their adrenalin will be pumping and they will be out to prove themselves.

Scotland have again been unlucky on that score, having to play New Zealand — the least formidable team in their group — in their first game.

The fact that France are England's first opponents gives our 'friendly' with them in Paris on March 24 an added significance.

There are two ways of looking at next month's game. Ron Greenwood could either show his hand and play the team that he is likely to pick in Spain, or he could play his cards close to his chest and put out a semi-experimental team and so not reveal too much to the French.

If Ron decides on the second course of action and the French manager does the same we could see two teams that won't

**says
Kevin
Keegan**

look anything like the sides that play in Spain.

I have never played for England against France but I played for Hamburg against them in a European Championship warm-up match which we won 3-1.

Michel Platini got a hat-trick that day and he'll be one to watch in Spain. Other names that come to mind are Rocheteau, Didier Six and Tressure — the coloured sweeper who scored one and gave one away in a World Cup qualifier against Ireland last year.

Our record against the Czechs looks good on paper — with five wins, two draws and two defeats. But in recent years it has not been easy against them.

The game I remember best



**'We've been given
hope'**

**Jimmy
Nicholl
N. Ireland**

OUR hopes of reaching the second round look much brighter following the World Cup draw.

When it came to the crunch and Russia and Yugoslavia were the only teams who hadn't been allocated a group I kept my fingers crossed that we would avoid the Russians.

The fact that we drew Yugoslavia gives us a realistic chance of qualifying for the next round.

There isn't a bad team in Eastern Europe but I fancy my chances more against the Yugoslav's than the Russians.

If we can get something out of our first game against Yugoslavia — even a draw — we're in with a great chance of going through to the next round. You can't forget the fact that two teams from each section go through.

The draw has been a great boost for us. It's given us hope. Now it's up to the players to go there believing that we can pull off a couple of shocks.

Confidence has always been a big problem for us. Too often we lack faith in our own ability.

We Irish are a funny old team. We win games that we're supposed to lose and then go and lose matches that we really should win!

With that in mind we're looking forward to going out there and doing our best to upset a few top teams.

WHAT THE STARS SAY

against the Czechs is when we hammered them 3-0 in a European Championship qualifier at Wembley in 1976.

We made them look a poor side but they went on to beat West Germany in the final... while we failed even to qualify!

Kuwait are a little bit of an unknown quantity, though I have played against them before. I played with Hamburg against their national side and found them quite useful.

I have also seen Dave Mackay's club side play over there and from what I've seen I think it would be very dangerous to under-rate them.

We ourselves are underdogs compared to the fancied sides and that will suit our character.

West Germany may have qualified with 30-odd goals, but that means nothing now. They go to Spain with no more advantage than Kuwait, Cameroon and New Zealand.

The team that gets a couple of wins under its belt early on to boost confidence is the sort of team that is going to win it.

Kevin Keegan was talking to Melvyn Baginall.



'The toughest of the lot!'

Graeme Souness Scotland

TERRIBLE! Scotland couldn't have asked for a tougher World Cup group.

I've said all along that I fancy the Brazilians to go on and win the World Cup in Spain so it's obvious that they're a team I wanted to avoid.

The Russians are the strongest of the group two seeded sides and they'll be a tough nut to crack. Having said that I prefer to play them in a one-off match on a neutral ground rather than to go over to Russia, where anything can happen to your preparation.

Even supposed no-hopers New Zealand will provide us with a tough test. We play them in our first match and there's no doubt they'll be really buzzing and going flat out to prove that they deserve to be in the World Cup Finals.

To be honest I would have liked to have been drawn in

either England or Italy's group because I consider those two to be the weakest of the top seeded teams.

But I'm not despondent because if we're going to do anything in the competition we've got to meet the top teams sooner or later.

The Scots have a reputation of playing well against the better teams and struggling against the no-hopers. Being drawn in a tough group like this could be a blessing in

disguise for us.

I was surprised that after nearly four years the World Cup committee couldn't get the draw right and originally put us in the same group as holders Argentina.

I wish it had stayed that way in many respects but it wasn't to be. We've been given a real tough one and now it's up to us to go out and prove that we can compete against the best.

THE DRAW

HERE'S how the 24 teams have been grouped for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

GROUP ONE: Italy, Peru, Cameroon and Poland.

GROUP TWO: West Germany, Chile, Algeria and Austria.

GROUP THREE: Argentina, Belgium, El Salvador and Hungary.

GROUP FOUR: England, France, Kuwait and Czechoslovakia.

GROUP FIVE: Spain, Northern Ireland, Honduras and Yugoslavia.

GROUP SIX: Brazil, Scotland, New Zealand and Russia.



WEST HAM have thrown a World Cup lifeline to young Scottish sweeper Neil Orr.

Manager John Lyall stole a march on other English First Division bosses when he splashed out nearly £400,000 on the highly-rated Morton part-timer.

And the move to Upton Park will do the 22-year-old's Spanish hopes no harm at all.

After playing seven times for the Scotland Under-21 side, he's widely expected to be included in manager Jock Stein's squad of 40.

But the youngster, who's swapped a job as a safety supervisor for a full-time career in football, isn't looking that far ahead just yet.

"There's no doubt that the move to West Ham will improve my chances, but at the moment I'm more concerned about settling down in my new environment and getting into the side.



Chance of a LIFETIME

"It would be a tremendous thrill to be included in Scotland's squad of 40, but to do that I've got to prove to manager Jock Stein that I'm worth a place.

"The only way I can do that is to play well for West Ham. If my form is good I'm sure he'll take notice," said Neil.

John Lyall heard about Neil from 'Hammers' full-back Ray Stewart and when West Ham's game against London rivals Spurs was postponed because of the weather, he flew to Scotland to pull off the shock signing.

"It's always been my ambition to play in the English First Division, but I never thought I'd get a chance," admitted Neil. "I'd just signed a three year contract with Morton.

"Everything happened so quickly when John Lyall arrived in Scotland. One minute I

was being woken up by Morton manager Benny Rooney and the next thing I knew I was signing for West Ham."

But Neil, who's engaged to be married, didn't have any second thoughts about giving up his job in the civil engineering industry to risk a full-time career in the game.

"When a big club like West Ham come in you don't think twice. It's a chance in a lifetime for me," added Neil, who was at Morton for six years.

"It's going to take me some time to get used to the rigours of full-time football. I only trained three times a week with Morton.

"But the manager has put no pressure on me at all. He's said that it doesn't matter whether it takes me two weeks or two months to break into the first team. I was bought for the future.

"All I can do is try my best and work hard," said Neil, who was snapped up as an

"It's always been my ambition to play in the English First Division," says Orr.

In the big time and heading for Spain — that's West Ham's new signing Neil Orr, pictured (right) challenging Rangers star Jim Bett for the ball.

THIS week our 'Target Spain' spotlight falls on new £400,000 West Ham signing Neil Orr — the second in a fascinating new series on the stars bidding for a place in this summer's World Cup Finals.

And as an added bonus Match writer Anthony Hawkswell also talks to 'Hammers' other new signing, Francois Van der Elst, whose move to Upton Park confirms his chances of making the Finals with Belgium.

NO3 Francois Van der Elst

Hammers are just the ticket!



eventual replacement for the long-serving Billy Bonds.

As soon as Neil had booked into his Essex hotel, a day after completing his transfer, he received his first visitor — new team-mate Ray Stewart.

The Scotland full-back knows just what it's like to make the switch from Scottish Premier League to the English First Division. West Ham signed him from Dundee United for £43,000 in August 1979.

"It was great to get a visit from Ray and he made me feel at home almost immediately. We first met when we played together for Scotland Under-21's.

"He told me to keep working on my game and said it would take me time to get used to the new set up."

After his first day's training, Neil realised just how big the gap is between a top club like West Ham and a relatively small set-up like Morton.

"It's a completely different world. The ground and training facilities are so superior down here."

Morton were forced to sell their hottest property because the club was facing a financial crisis after going a month without a home game.

"It's sad that a club like Morton have to sell to stay alive. If more people went to watch them they wouldn't have to sell their best players. I know that the manager was sick when he had to let me go.

"Morton are a very friendly club and I was sad to go. I had some happy times at Cappielow Park and enjoyed playing there. It's a great place to serve an apprenticeship.

"I've seen English football on the television and it's completely different to the Scottish League. You have to be on your toes all the time.

"But while many people criticise football North of the border it's not as bad as it's made out to be. It's very competitive in the Scottish Premier Division and there are a lot of good players around," said Neil.

BELGIAN midfielder star Francois Van der Elst has guaranteed himself a place in the World Cup Finals by joining West Ham.

Belgium manager Guy Thys told Francois that if he returned to Europe from his self-imposed exile in America with New York Cosmos he'd be included in his country's squad of 22 for Spain.

"It's every player's ambition to take part in a World Cup Finals and I had no hesitation in looking for a move back to Europe," said Francois.

Francois moved to New York Cosmos shortly after helping Belgium to the runners-up spot in the European Championships in Italy in 1980.

But the move to America brought a premature end to the former Anderlecht star's international career and he missed all Belgium's World Cup qualifying matches.

"The manager did select me for the match against France but I couldn't make it because Cosmos were involved in the NASL play-offs. That was very disappointing for me."

So when West Ham manager John Lyall came in with a £400,000 offer the 27-year-old dddidn't have any second thoughts about joining the First Division club.

Ironically when Francois was with Anderlecht he scored two of the goals which beat 'Hammers' 4-2 in the European Cup-Winners Cup Final in 1975-76.

"I've always been a fan of West Ham. I admire their style of play," said Francois, who had picked up 34 caps before his Cosmos move 18 months ago.

"I don't regret moving to America because I enjoyed my time there and played some good football. A footballer has to make a lot of money in his career and the Americans offered me a lot of money.

"I'm pleased to be back in Europe however because I've seen everything I wanted to see in America. English football is a new challenge for me and I'm looking forward to it."

Francois' old club Anderlecht and last-season's cup winners Standard Liege, both offered him a chance to return to his homeland.

"I would have liked to have returned home but the transfer fee was too high. The clubs couldn't afford it," added Francois, who's signed a two and a half year contract with West Ham."

Francois is one of Belgium's most versatile players, although it's expected he'll play on the right side of midfield in a West Ham shirt.

"My two aims now are to play at Wembley with West Ham and help my country do well in the World Cup.

"Belgium have much the same team that played so well in the European Championships so I'm confident that we can do something in Spain.

"Obviously the big danger will be holders Argentina and Brazil, but I'm not worrying too much about them. I'm just happy to get a chance to play in the Finals."

Left: West Ham's Belgian international Francois Van der Elst. His move from New York Cosmos gives him a place in Spain next summer.

Supermac relives a nightmare!

POOR Fulham manager Malcolm Macdonald had to relive the nightmare of his Newcastle days when his side crashed out of the FA Cup at Hereford.

Malcolm was in the Newcastle side dumped out of the Cup ten years ago by Hereford, who were then a non-League side.

No scrub-out at Rangers!

QUEEN'S Park Rangers enlisted the help of prisoners from nearby Wormwood Scrubs to clear snow from their artificial pitch for their Boxing Day 'derby' with Chelsea.

But it was an exercise that never produced the right result for go-ahead Rangers. They lost 2-0 — their first home defeat since the opening day of the season against Luton.

Keeping shop

ASTON Villa goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer has opened a sports shop in Birmingham.

TREVOR'S GOAL ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ PUTS CITY TOP ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

WHILE most clubs in the country were frustrated spectators over the Christmas period, Manchester City took the opportunity to take over the First Division leadership for the first time since October 1977.

They achieved it with victories over Liverpool — their first at Anfield for 28 years — and Wolves.

It was a brilliant late winner from £1 million Trevor Francis (right) against Wolves that put City on top — the fifth team to top the First Division this season.

The 3-1 win at Liverpool saw Kevin Bond and Asa Hartford getting their first goals for the club this season, and young Ronnie Whelan also collected his first ever League goal for the "Reds".

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ BOBBY LAYS DOWN THE LAW

NEW Bristol Rovers manager Bobby Gould has wasted no time in introducing a strict code of discipline at Eastville, which even the directors come under.

He has banned cigar smoking and drinking on the club coach and directors will be fined if they arrive late for away trips.

This unique disciplinary crackdown is a natural progression of Bobby's rule banning players from drinking on the coach.

KEMP'S EARLY STRIKE

DAVID Kemp took only six minutes to make his mark on his debut for Third Division Gillingham.

The Plymouth striker has joined Gillingham on loan after being out of the side since the end of October.

And his goal — his first in the League this season — earned the Kent side a 1-1 draw with Newport.

The former Crystal Palace and Carlisle forward was the country's third top scorer last season with 28 goals.



DIRTY DEEDS AT GOODISON

IT wasn't just the bad weather which caused problems to clubs during the recent cold snap.

Everton and Ipswich managed to complete their League Cup fourth round tie due to the undersoil heating at Goodison Park.

However, the players weren't able to bath at the ground because of water pressure problems in the area. So they had to use washing facilities at a local hotel.

Brown stays

SUNDERLAND striker Alan Brown will not be moving to North East rivals Newcastle.

After a month on loan to the Second Division club, 22-year-old Alan had the £150,000 deal called off when he failed a medical.

Robson hammers friendly hat-trick

ENGLAND midfielder Bryan Robson, the country's costliest player, showed Portsmouth's biggest crowd of the season his scoring ability with a hat-trick in Manchester United's friendly victory.

A crowd of more than 14,000 saw United collect a 3-0 win over the Third Division side, but the work-out failed to help Ron Atkinson's side in their FA Cup clash at Watford where they bowed out to a Jan Lohman goal.

CITY LOSE THEIR BOSS

MORE trouble for struggling Bristol City.

Manager Bobby Houghton quit just hours before they lost 3-1 at home to bottom of the table Wimbledon.

City were relegated to the Third Division last season, Bobby having joined them when they were at the bottom.

He was formerly manager of Swedish club Malmo, whom he led to the European Cup Final three years ago when they lost 1-0 to Nottingham Forest.

"My decision to resign was not a hasty one and I have no criticism of the directors or players," he says.

Knee injury holds up Russell

RUSSELL Gordon, an 18-year-old midfield player with Coventry, has a soft spot for two other First Division clubs — Stoke and Aston Villa.

The Stoke-born player used to have a season ticket at the Victoria Ground and loved to watch the skills of George Eastham and Howard Kendall.

His Villa interest centres around England Under-21 international Gary Shaw. Russell used to play alongside Gary in the Colehill Town side.

Russell joined Coventry from school, but his progress has been hampered by a dislocated knee.

A to Z

THE paths of Forest's Norwegian international Einar Aas and Chester's Manchester-born defender Peter Zelem never cross, but they can claim a tie-up in one respect. One qualifies as the number-one among all Football League players on the alphabetical basis, and the other is the last of the lot.

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BACK-TO-FORM BODAK STILL WANTS A MOVE

COVENTRY'S colourful winger Peter Bodak (left) is to stay on the transfer list even though he's back in the first team and happy at Highfield Road.

The youngster angrily slapped in a transfer request when he was dropped from the side earlier this season.

"The manager said I wasn't working hard enough and I disagreed. When he relegated me to the reserves, I let my head drop and didn't deserve to get back into the team. I didn't care for five or six weeks.

"But then I realised that I wasn't helping myself by my attitude so I pulled myself together and started to play well again."

Peter, who made 23 League appearances for Coventry last season, was recalled for the game against Everton at Goodison Park and marked his return with a goal in his side's 3-2 win.

"I'm enjoying myself in the first team and everything is looking rosy again but I haven't come off the list yet.

"I don't know what my future is and I'm staying on the list. I don't want to leave Coventry but reserve team football is no good to me.

"I missed the atmosphere and the crowds," added Peter, who has been subject of a reported bid from Sunderland.

FULL BACK FACTORY!

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

THIRD Division Huddersfield appear to be continuing their trend of developing talented full backs.

Malcolm Brown, recently the subject of a £250,000 offer from Sunderland, and former England youth international David Burke are widely regarded as the best full back pairing in the division.

In the 60's, Huddersfield also claimed that distinction with Chris

Cattlin and Derek Parkin who moved into the First Division with Coventry and Wolves respectively for sizeable fees.

And Huddersfield have also produced three England full backs in Ray Wilson, who moved to Everton, Bob McNab, transferred to Arsenal, and Trevor Cherry, who is now a Leeds stalwart.

Altrincham's League bid strengthened

ALLIANCE Premier champions Altrincham continue to add support to those who argue that they should be in the Football League.

League secretary Graham Kelly watched them topple Fourth Division York City 4-3 in a replay thriller to reach the FA Cup third round for the fourth successive year.

Ironically, York finished bottom of the division last season when Altrincham failed for the second successive time to achieve League status while being the non-League's sole representatives in the election.

On . . . and off

STEVE Whitton, Coventry's young forward, had a painful introduction to the match against West Brom.

He came on as substitute late in the First Division clash and ended up dislocating a knee after an illegal challenge on Andy King that also produced a booking while he was being carried off.



BRIAN TIMES IT NICELY!

LUTON skipper Brian Horton (above) couldn't have picked a better moment to score his first goal of the season.

The former Brighton and Port Vale midfield player scored just two minutes from time against Third Division Swindon to take the runaway Second Division leaders through to the FA Cup fourth round.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

KEEGAN CELEBRATES

ENGLAND skipper Kevin Keegan celebrated his 400th League appearance with two goals in Southampton's 3-1 defeat of Swansea which knocked the Welshmen off the top of the First Division.

It took his League tally for the season to 14 which is his best-ever tally in a term.

And he would have had more cause for celebration had Welsh international Dai Davies not saved a first half penalty.

Sad Alan plays on

ALAN Ball, Southampton's former England star, played against his old club Everton recently despite the tragic death of his father just days before the match.

"It would have been what he wanted," says Alan whose father, Alan senior, was killed in a car crash in Cyprus just hours after arriving to take up a temporary coaching job on the island.

The 57-year-old much-travelled coach had connections in this country with Southport, Plymouth, Preston, Birmingham, Oldham, Rochdale, Blackpool and Halifax.

Don's back

FORMER Bristol Rovers manager Don Megson has returned from the United States to seek a job in this country.

Don, a former Sheffield Wednesday captain, has his son, Gary, now continuing that family link at Hillsborough.

Friendly Belgians

SECOND Division Watford are planning a friendly with Belgian side Lokeren from whom they signed Dutch Under-21 forward Jan Lohman.

England and Ipswich centre-forward Paul Mariner discusses his club's League and Cup hopes and his own return to goalscoring form. Don't miss his regular column every fortnight — it's **EXCLUSIVE to Match!**

IN OUR

Ipswich can translate outstanding games into title-winning lead at the top

SAYS PAUL MARINER



Paul Mariner signals his return to action after injury with a goal in the 3-2 victory over Birmingham which took Ipswich to the top of the First Division and put them on course for the title.

Pen pals

I'm a 14-year-old Celtic fan and would like a pen pal who would be willing to swap programmes.

Stephen Daymon, 81 Church Lane, Edmonton, London, N9 9QA.

SUNDERLAND are my favourite team and I'd like a pen pal of my own age who lives in the area.

Jarrod Hopkinson (15), 116 Hollings Lane, Ravenfield, Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

POLICE are my favourite pop group and I support Crystal Palace and Millwall. I'd like a pen pal of my own age. Jamie Sheehy (11), 112 Longhill Road, Catford, London, SE6.

I'd like a pen pal who supports any English team. My favourites are Liverpool and Aston Villa and I also enjoy collecting programmes and pop music.

Martin Livingston, 43 Commercial Road, Barrhead, Glasgow, G78 1AQ.

I'm a 23-year-old Liverpool fanatic and would like a pen pal who supports the European Champions.

Mary Bower, 34 Old North Road, Sutton on Trent, Newark, Notts. NG23 6QJ.

I'd like a pen pal who lives in either Spain, France or America. I'm a 12-year-old Manchester United fan. Andrew Tranter, 10 Wilton Ave, Cellarhead, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

I'd like a girl penfriend of my own age who supports any Football League team. My favourites are Oldham and near neighbours Manchester City. Andrew Knowles (20), 34 Kingston Avenue, Chadderton, Oldham, Lancs.

ROLLER skating and collecting football jerseys are my

hobbies. My favourite English teams are Spurs, Ipswich and Manchester City.

Janice Ngeow, 6 Jalan 11/4F, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.

DRAWING portraits of footballers, reading, pop music and collecting Nottingham Forest souvenirs are my hobbies. I'd like a pen pal who supports anyone except Liverpool.

Peter Pittaway (13), 39 Stanhope Road, Gedling, Nottingham, NG4 4HN.

Pen pals

HANDS

THERE'S a growing feeling in the Ipswich camp that this is going to be our year!

Having hit top spot in the First Division after our 3-2 win over Birmingham earlier this month, we hope we can translate our matches in hand into points to create a telling advantage.

We realise that those outstanding fixtures include clashes with fellow title rivals Manchester United, Tottenham and West Ham, but we feel capable of collecting enough points from them to put some distance between ourselves and the chasing group.

Then it will be a case of 'catch us if you can'.

And at this stage of the season, with the top teams cancelling out each other and conceding unexpected points, we must be feeling optimistic about our title prospects.

We have by no means been as consistent as last season although in the past few games there have been encouraging signs that we are approaching top gear.

With Alan Brazil and myself fully recovered from nagging injury problems and with Dutchman Frans Thijssen on the way back from a lay-off, our chances of success are looking brighter.

In that 3-2 home victory over Birmingham, which took us to the top of the table, we played some of our most telling football of the season in the first hour to fully justify a 3-0 lead.

I was particularly pleased to score two of the goals having been out of action for six weeks with stomach problems.

The loss of Mick Mills with a trapped nerve in the last half-hour knocked us off balance in midfield and we allowed Birmingham off the hook.

They pulled back a couple of goals and went close to nicking an equaliser, but I don't think anyone could deny us maximum points on the evidence of our overall performance.

It has been frustrating to sit at home and read about possible England players hitting form and scoring goals.

My contribution in the 3-2 FA Cup victory at Birmingham a few days earlier was not particularly great, but brilliant form shown by Alan Brazil and Eric Gates countered my lack of match fitness and sharpness.

But in the League clash at Portman Road, I felt more like my old self and managed to get into scoring positions, culminating in a couple of goals to boost my confidence.

Now it's up to me to capture my best form to show England manager Ron Greenwood that I'm ready to do battle in the World Cup Finals.

It would be unbelievable if we could win the title in a year when I was chosen to represent England in the World Cup Finals.

But I appreciate there is still a long way to go before both ambitions are realised.

I still consider Manchester United as a major threat to our title hopes. They have dropped a few silly points recently, but having slipped out of the FA Cup at Watford, they have nothing else to concentrate on.

Tottenham are my dark horses for the Championship because they have a few matches in hand, but don't rule out Liverpool and Aston Villa.

There's nothing more stimulating for a team than to be written off by everybody.

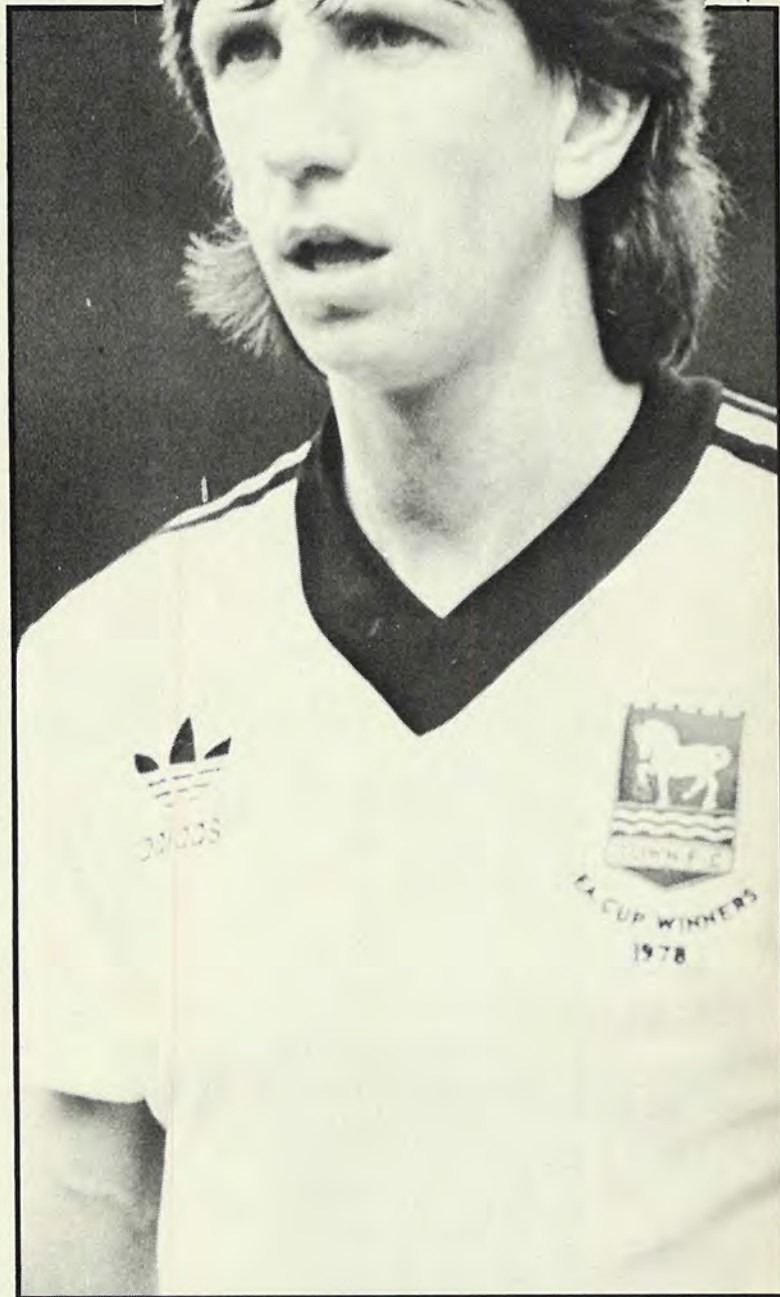
That's happened to both Liverpool and Villa this season, but they have shown since Christmas that they could be through their lean spells.

I still believe that they both could have a say in the final outcome.

Hopefully, we will still be involved in at least one cup competition to add spice and glamour to our League programme.

We face an awkward looking Fourth Round tie at Luton who seem certain to be playing in the First Division next season.

It could have been worse. We might have been drawn away to Liverpool or Tottenham, but we are more than aware of the dangers that lie in wait for the unprepared.



Luton's players will be keen to test their skills against players they are almost certain to face next season and they will be urged on by a full house at Kenilworth Road.

I have always been impressed with full-back Kirk Stephens and we all know about the influence in midfield of Ricky Hill.

The arrival of former Brighton skipper Brian Horton has given them character and steadiness in the middle of the field, and players like Brian Stein, Steve White and David Moss have plenty of pace.

But we are confident of achieving at least a draw, and moving just a little nearer those Wembley towers.
● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.



Luton full-back Kirk Stephens has always impressed Paul Mariner. They could clash in Saturday's FA Cup Fourth Round tie.



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REGIS ON A BOMB RUN!

Cyrille Regis (West Brom) v Coventry, Division One, Highfield Road, Saturday, Dec. 26, 1981.

BIG Cyrille Regis has emerged this season as a strong contender for a place in England's World Cup squad later this year.

His impressive goal spree has lifted West Brom out of the doldrums, and his 18th of the season in the Boxing Day victory at Coventry underlined his strength, determination subtly and new-found confidence.

The England Under-21 international's 54th minute goal, which sealed Albion's 2-0 win, meant he had scored in seven successive games.

There seemed nothing profitable in sight when the "Black Bomber"

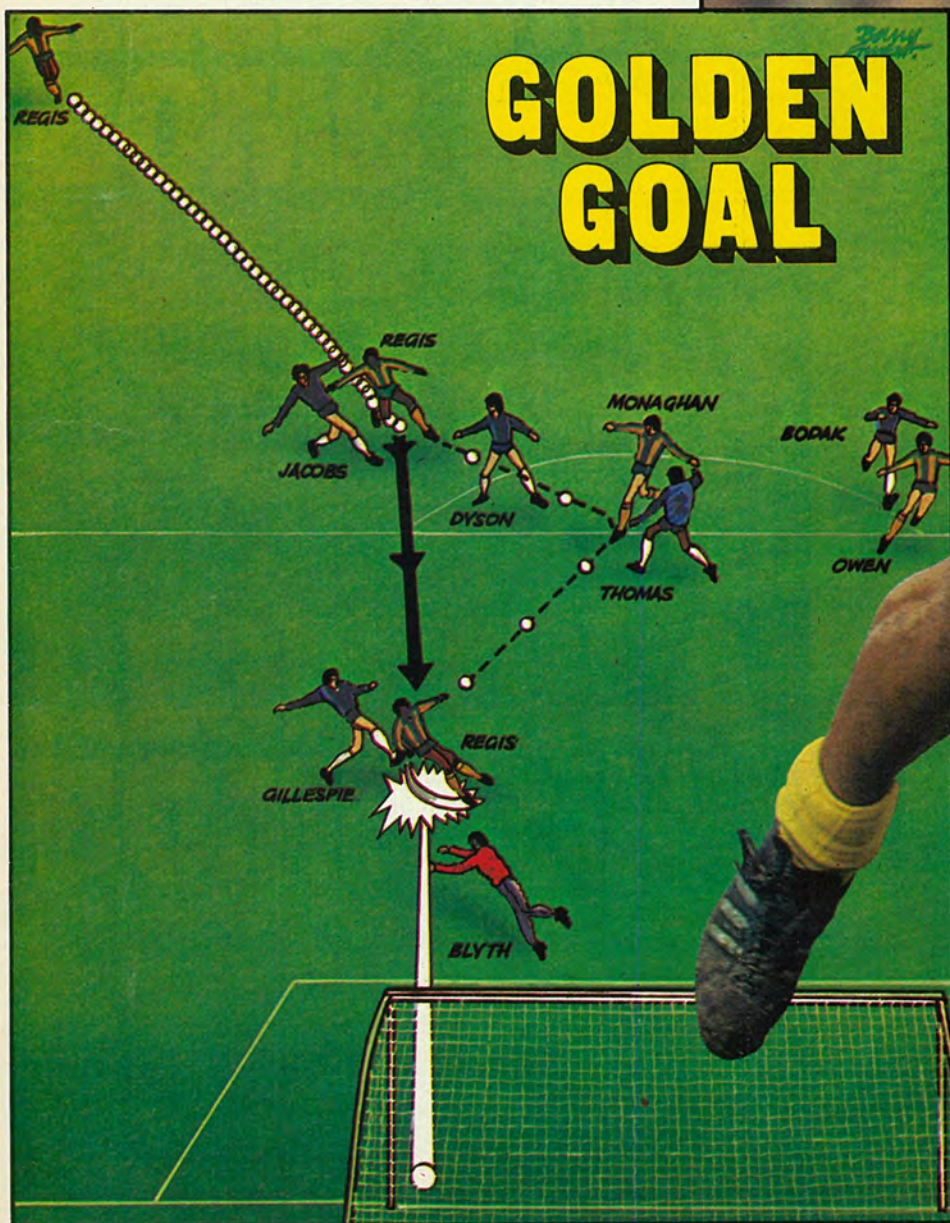
collected a pass from Brendon Batson some forty yards from goal.

But Cyrille cut through Coventry's young defence like a knife through butter, completed a one-two combination with fellow striker Derek Monaghan, and slipped the ball past the diving Jim Blyth.

As Cyrille recalls: "I was going to have a go with my left foot from outside the area but I was challenged by Steve Jacobs."

"So I kept going, played a one-two and was able to slide the ball home."

GOLDEN GOAL



CUP TEASERS

IT'S FA Cup time again this weekend. Here's ten teasers to see how well you remember the cup competition so far this season.

- 1 Which non-League side defeated Sheffield United in the First Round?
- 2 Which Third Division striker scored a hat-trick in a Second Round replay?
- 3 On which League ground did Horden Colliery Welfare play their First Round tie with Blackpool?
- 4 Which League side did tiny Penrith defeat in the First Round?
- 5 Did it take Hull City three games or two to defeat Rochdale in the First Round?
- 6 Who scored twice in Coventry's Third Round win over Sheffield Wednesday?
- 7 Who ended Fulham's hopes in the Second Round?
- 8 Who did Enfield go out to in the Third Round?
- 9 Who scored twice for Liverpool at Swansea?
- 10 Who was Tottenham's match winner against Arsenal?

ODD MAN OUT

ENGLAND clinched their World Cup ticket with a 1-0 win over Hungary, while Scotland guaranteed their place with a goalless draw in Northern Ireland.

In each of the following team line-ups from those crucial games there is a deliberate error. Can you spot the odd man out and substitute the correct player?

ENGLAND (v Hungary) — Shilton, Neal, Mills, Thompson, Watson, Robson, Coppell, Keegan, Mariner, Brooking, McDermott.

SCOTLAND (v Northern Ireland) — Rough, Stewart, F. Gray, Strachan, Hansen, Miller, Dalglish, Souness, Jordan, Hartford, Robertson.

What a muddle

CAN you unravel this muddle of letters to identify a First Division team?

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BIRD BRAINS

Can you name the following teams from their bird nicknames?

- a) Seagulls
- b) Owls
- c) Bluebirds
- d) Thrushes
- e) Canaries

SPOT THE LOANEES



THESE two Sunderland players have spent this season on loan to different clubs before either staying or returning home. Can you identify the players and which clubs they played for while on loan?

MANAGERS IN A MIX-UP

CAN you match the list of managers with the correct grounds?

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| 1) Bobby Moncur | a) Sealand Road |
| 2) Alan Oakes | b) Brisbane Road |
| 3) Jimmy McGuigan | c) Home Park |
| 4) Ken Knighton | d) Deepdale |
| 5) Gordon Lee | e) Edgley Park |

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Entries must reach us by January 29 and the results will appear in our February 13 issue.



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SOLUTIONS

CUP TEASERS: 1 Altrincham; 2 Oxford's Keith Cassells; 3 Hartlepool; 4 Chester; 5 Three; 6 Steve Hunt; 7 Hereford; 8 Crystal Palace; 9 Ian Rush; 10 Garth Crooks.

BIRD BRAINS: a) Brighton; b) Sheffield Wednesday; c) Cardiff; d) West Brom; e) Norwich.

WHAT A MUDDLE: Birmingham City.

MANAGERS MIX-UP: 1/c; 2/a; 3/e; 4/b; 5/d. ODD MAN OUT: Dave Watson is the odd man out in the England team. Alvin Martin played. Joe Jordan is the odd man out in the Scottish team. SPOT THE LOANERS: 1) Alan Brown, who had a loan spell at Newcastle; 2) Kevin Arnott, who went on loan to Blackburn.

Back from the DEAD

Villa's 'forgotten' striker buries Notts County's Cup hopes

Match writer Anthony Hawkswell talks to Cup hero David Geddis about his reasons for wanting to quit Villa Park . . . in the wake of his best ever performance for the club.

DAVID Geddis 'came back from the dead' in Aston Villa's 6-0 FA Cup slaughter of Notts County.

The hat-trick hero of the tie told Match: "I built my coffin with a nightmare start to my Villa career and then managed to keep the lid off for two years. Against Notts County I finally burned it."

David joined Villa from Ipswich in September 1979 and then went 15 League games without a goal. Almost immediately, the fans doubted the wisdom of Ron Saunders' £250,000 investment.

The arrival of record signing Peter Withe from Newcastle and the form of England Under-21 international Gary Shaw has kept David on the sidelines since and, last season, he became a forgotten man as Villa raced to the Championship.

Crucial

"It's taken the fans a long time to realise that I can play, but I believe I proved that against County. The hat-trick came at a crucial time for me and it was my best ever performance for Villa.

"I just hope it persuades a First Division club to come in for me," said David.

Although the blond striker isn't on the transfer list, manager Ron Saunders has said that he'll listen to offers from other clubs.

"I'm 23 now, and I believe it's time that I got regular first team football. My career has been dormant for 16 months.

"I believe I can play in the First Division. I haven't lost confidence in my ability and I want to stay in the top flight.

"But I'd drop down to the Second Division if I had to. Ambitious clubs with potential — like

Peter Withe — his form has kept David out of the Villa first team.



Villa striker David Geddis — put himself in the shop window with a superbly taken hat-trick against Notts County.

Sheffield Wednesday or Barnsley — would appeal to me.

"I don't want to spend too long in the reserves because people begin to question your ambition. But I know that the manager isn't going to give me away.

"Peter and Gary deserve to be in the team and I can't see a future for myself at Villa. It has been hard to bear this season, especially when things weren't going well for the team.

"It's been depressing for me in the reserves but I've managed to keep myself on an even keel. It would have been easy to have lost my head and my patience, but that wouldn't have done any good. I'd have only last my place as third choice striker.

"There was a lot of pressure on me to score goals. I was bought to replace Andy Gray and people expected a great deal when I arrived from Ipswich.

"Strikers mature later than other players. It's very hard to take the strain. Full-backs and midfielders don't have to suffer the pressure of having to score goals.

"I don't regret joining Villa but I feel I took one step forward and three back.

"The hardest thing to bear is watching the progress of strikers who were compared alongside me when I was at Ipswich. They are now doing very well because they've had the first team chances."

Last season, David made just eight League appearances in Villa's successful championship campaign and scored four League goals.

Tremendous

But he admits that even though he joined in the end of season celebrations, he did not feel part of them.

"The lads were tremendous because they tried to get me involved, but I'd made no valuable contribution to the title win so the celebrations were flat for me."

David joins Villa's latest recruit Andy Blair on the unsettled list. Andy, who moved from Coventry in the close season, is up for sale — after a row with Ron Saunders.



WE'RE still on the Wembley trail with Doncaster Rovers.

We adopted the Third Division club after their FA Cup Second Round defeat of tiny Penrith.

They duly toppled Second Division Cambridge United 2-1 in the last round, and now Billy Bremner's braves make the trip to Norwich City, seeking a place in the Fifth Round for the first time in 25 years.

We shall be adopting a team all the way to the big Wembley showdown in May. If Second Division Norwich take the honours on Saturday, then we shall follow their fortunes in the Fifth Round.

But for the time being, the 'Dons' are our team.

Their match winner against Cambridge was much-travelled Alan Warboys, a veteran of many a Cup campaign.

Here Alan, now in his second spell at Belle Vue, assesses Doncaster's chances of reaching the last 16 for the first time since 1956.

ALL THE WAY TO WEMBLEY



WARBOYS WARNS NORWICH



Left: Norwich keeper Chris Woods — Doncaster plan to keep him busy.

Right: Alan Warboys — "I think we can surprise Norwich."

DONCASTER war horse Alan Warboys sounds a note of warning to FA Cup Fourth Round hosts Norwich City.

"We've got as good a chance as anyone else going to Norwich," says the much-travelled striker.

"We would have preferred a home draw, but it's not that important to us.

"We can go to Carrow Road and put up a good show.

"We can play on our day. We've got a good squad of players and I think we can provide Norwich with quite a few surprises."

Billy Bremner's side have already disposed of one Second Division team in Cambridge United, and Veteran Cup campaigner Alan sees no reason why Doncaster can't repeat the feat.

"We know nothing about Norwich except that they were a First Division side last season," says Alan who scored the winner against Cambridge.

"Cambridge certainly didn't pose too many problems or us.

"We created far more chances than they did which surprised me and we didn't give them too many opportunities from set pieces, where they are dangerous.

"We never allowed them to settle on the ball and I wasn't worried at any time during the match — even after they had equalised our early goal.

Alan, who scored twice in the 3-0 Second Round defeat of non-League Penrith, can certainly guarantee Norwich an uncomfortable time at Belle Vue if Doncaster get a second bite at the cherry.

"I feel we can beat anybody at home. Teams are frightened of us, which is a reputation that has been achieved through sheer hard work.

"But this is not to say that we will be

simply looking for a replay. You can't forecast how the match will go, but it's not in the gaffer's thinking to go out just looking for a draw.

"We go out to win every match."

Despite being the veteran of more than 15 Cup campaigns during a career that has spanned no fewer than seven different clubs, Alan has never ventured beyond the Fourth Round.

"It would be great for us if we can keep our cup run going," says Alan who is a guiding light at the club which gave him his League chance back in the sixties.

"Realistically, I know that the club would have loved a plum pay-day at this stage to boost the finances.

"It's the wish of every Third and Fourth Division team to draw a big club after winning a couple of rounds.

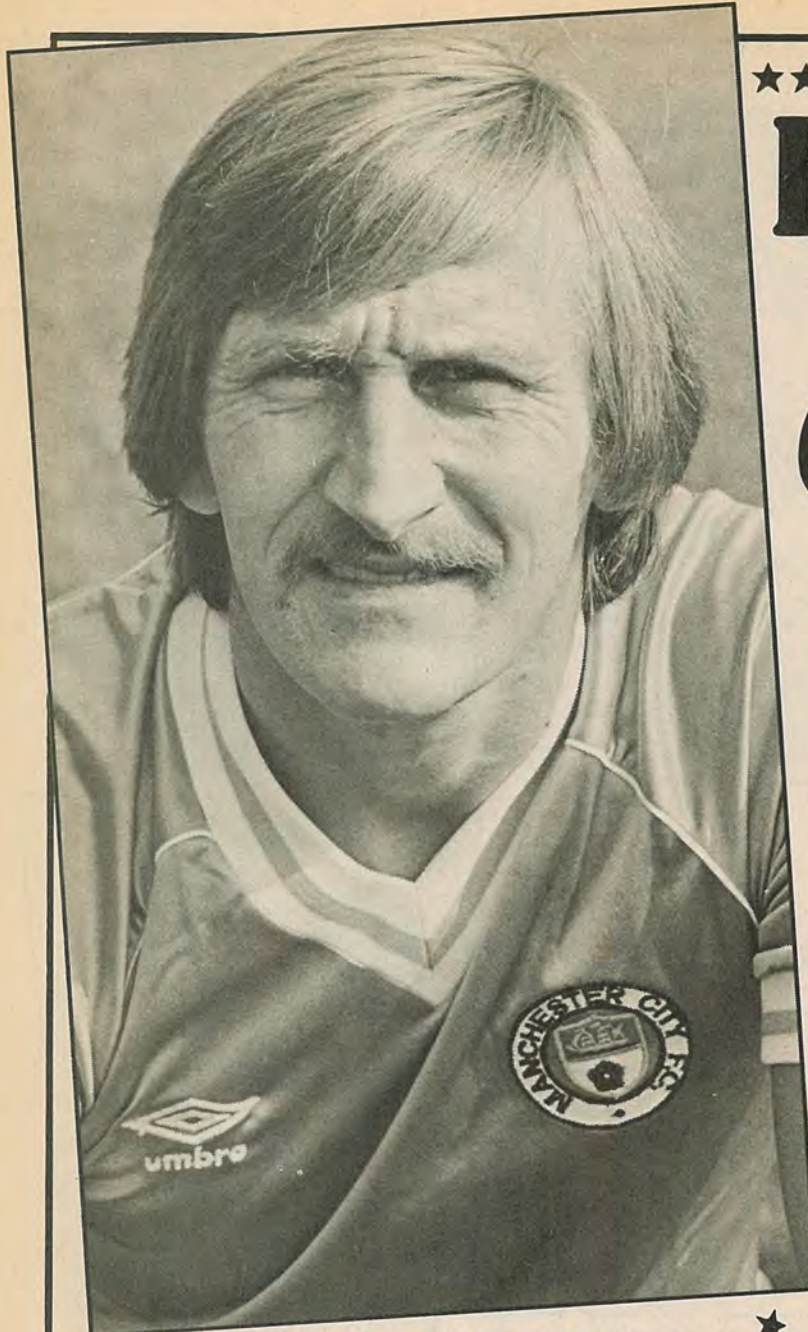
"But from the players' point of view, the longer we stay in the Cup the better it is for us.

"And we hope we are still in the hat when the draw is made next Monday."

DONCASTER'S FA CUP RUN

First Round
Mansfield (away) 1-0 Douglas
Second Round
Penrith (home) 3-0 Warboys (2), Little
Third Round
Cambridge (home) 2-1 Warboys, Reilly (o.g)

● TURN OVER FOR MORE FA CUP FOURTH ROUND PREVIEWS



Tommy Hutchison (above) faces his old club Coventry on Saturday but says: "Clubs are scared of coming to a place like Maine Road and playing."

Hungry 'Hutch' warns the Coventry kids

TOMMY Hutchison goes into Manchester City's FA Cup clash against his old club Coventry with a double mission.

The former Scotland winger is determined to help last year's runners-up into the Quarter-Finals and prove to Coventry that they were wrong to sell him.

"I still can't understand why they let me go. They must have thought I was past it," said veteran Tommy, who joined City for £45,000 last season in a deal which also took his Coventry team-mate Bobby McDonald to Maine Road.

"With so many youngsters in the side, I thought they needed experienced hands like myself.

"They obviously thought differently because I was allowed to go to City, where John Bond wanted me to do the same sort of job. There were a lot of young players in the side then."

And Tommy believes that Coventry's youngsters have missed the influence of older players in the side.

"Many of them — like Tommy English and Peter Bodak — haven't lived up to their promise. But having said that, Coventry are capable of beating the top teams.

"They are very inconsistent. They can raise their game against the giants, but find it hard to

sustain that run," added Tommy, who played 314 League games for 'Sky Blues'.

"The players I believe could trouble us most on the day are defender Gary Gillespie, midfielder man Steve Hunt and young England striker Garry Thompson. They are players I've always rated very highly.

"But even that trio won't be looking forward to coming here. Clubs are scared of coming to a place like Maine Road and playing."

Tommy isn't worried that the FA Cup draw has paired City with another First Division side — he prefers it that way.

He still has vivid memories of City's 1-0 League Cup defeat at the hands of Second Division Barnsley earlier this season.

"Lower division sides tend to be an unknown quantity. You don't know whether you've underestimated them or they've raised their game against you.

"Before the final, our hardest game last season was against Fourth Division Peterborough. They gave us a tremendous scrap before we beat them 1-0.

"But the most pleasing aspect of the draw is that we've got a home tie. That's the most important thing at this stage."

That was the week that was

Jan 23
- Jan 29

MATCH Weekly takes a fascinating look back at some of the important football events that took place this corresponding week in years gone by...

MATCH takes a trip into the past to bring you highlights of FA Cup matches played this week in years gone by...

January 26, 1980

THE last of the non-League sides go out of the Cup. Gallant Harlow are beaten 4-3 in a stirring match at Watford after shocking the Second Division side with an early goal.

January 27, 1979

SHREWSBURY produce the upset of the week with a 2-0 victory over Manchester City at Gay Meadow. Paul Maguire and former Nottingham Forest stalwart Sammy Chapman get the goals.

CUP SHOCKS

January 28, 1978

ALUN Evans, the ex-Liverpool striker, grabs the only goal of the game as Third Division Walsall stun Leicester City.

January 24, 1976

DON Revie's all-conquering Leeds team are beaten 1-0 at Elland Road by Crystal Palace in the shock of the Fourth Round. Dave Swindlehurst scores in the first half.

January 25, 1975

MORE red faces at Leeds as Southern League Wimbledon get a 0-0 draw at Elland Road. Dons' keeper Dicky Guy is the hero, saving a Peter Lorimer penalty in the 82nd minute. And Leeds had to wait until February 10 before they overcame Wimbledon's plucky challenge — with Johnny Giles scoring with a deflected shot as Leeds scraped home 1-0 in front of 45,000 at Selhurst Park.

January 26, 1974

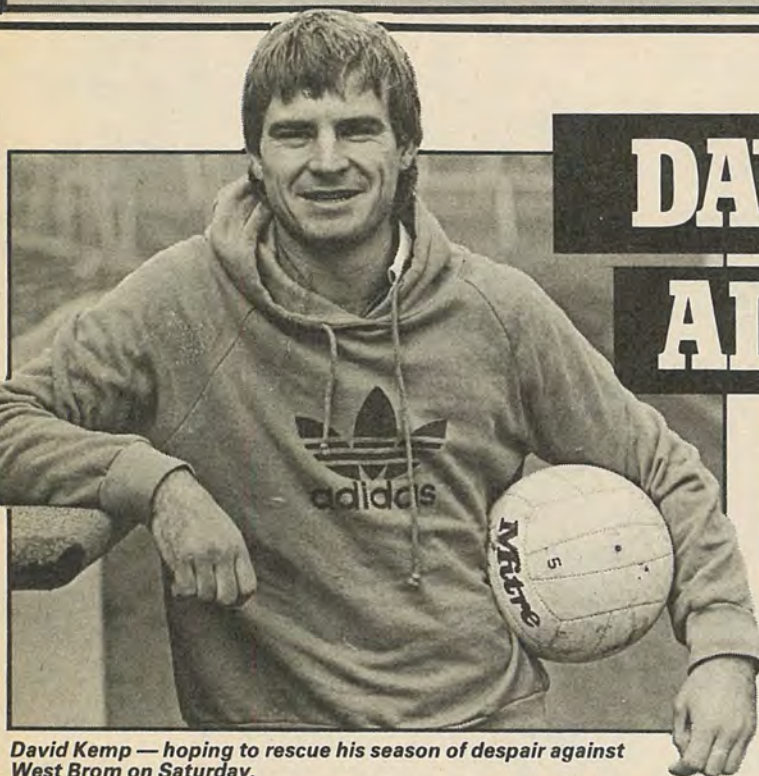
A BAD day for the First division clubs... Newcastle are held to a draw by Scunthorpe, and Liverpool have to go to Carlisle after the Cumbrians get a draw at Anfield!

FA Cup Fourth Round preview — the stars involved talk to Match about the top ties



FA CUP TRAIL

DAVID TAKES ON ALBION 'GOLIATHS'



David Kemp — hoping to rescue his season of despair against West Brom on Saturday.

HOT-shot David Kemp is looking to Gillingham's FA Cup clash with giants West Brom to provide the highspot of his "wasted season."

David, whose period on loan from Plymouth has been extended to take in the Fourth Round 'David and Goliath' tie, believes the 'Gills' can pull off the shock of the round.

He told Match Weekly: "Oldham came here in the last round lying second in the Second Division and we saw them off. We could go one better this time

"It's the biggest game this club has had in years and the whole town is looking forward to it.

"West Brom are obviously a very good side and the pace of someone like Cyrille Regis could cause a few problems for our back four.

"But you can't worry about individuals. It's all about how each team performs on the day and on our own ground, we must have a chance."

Should the promotion-chasing Third Division side pull off the unexpected it would give David a chance to forget for a moment the trials and tribulations of his season so far.

Before his move to Gillingham, he had scored just one goal in eight appearances for Plymouth and he was dropped from the side into the bargain.

It's all been such a contrast for the man who finished last season as the League's second top scorer with 24 Third Division goals.

"I turned out eight times for Plymouth, but I only really played in two of those games," said David.

"I know I can still score goals and I got two in my first two matches for Gillingham, but I didn't see eye to eye with Plymouth manager Bobby Moncur who joined the club in the summer.

"It was the same when I played under him at Carlisle earlier in my career.

"I have wanted a move from Plymouth since the start of the season and, at one point, I nearly went on loan to Norwich.

"That fell through when they got John Deehan from West Brom.

"Naturally, I was bitterly disappointed because I would have loved the chance of playing for a club higher up in the League but it was out of my hands. It has been all season.

"As for the future, I honestly don't know what will happen."

For Leeds fame is the Spurs

LEEDS United don't know what it's like to get the luck of the draw.

In the past three years, they've met First Division opposition in the opening rounds of both knock-out competitions. And on the first two occasions they failed to progress any further.

But after beating Wolves 3-1 at Molineux in the Third Round of the FA Cup this season the club expected their awful luck to change.

Instead, they were dealt one of the toughest Cup teams in the country — holders Spurs at White Hart Lane.

"After the Wolves game, we were expecting a home draw at least," said young midfielder Gary Hamson, who is establishing himself in the side for the first time since his move from Sheffield United in July 1979.

"This draw shows both sides of the Cup — the cruelty and kindness. Except for the Semi-Final last year, Spurs haven't been out of London for two years, while we've never faced anything other than First Division teams.

"Although luck plays an important part, you've still got to be a very good side to win the trophy. Spurs played some very good teams on their way to victory last year.

"We weren't too happy when we first heard the draw but now that we're used to the idea, I see no reason why we can't beat them or at least bring Spurs

back to Elland Road.

"We've been playing well recently and the biggest improvement has been in our away form. We're not conceding many goals now."

Earlier this season, the Leeds defence took a hammering. They had five goals stuck past them by Swansea on the opening day of the campaign and four by Coventry, Manchester City and Southampton.

But the arrival of Scottish international Kenny Burns from Nottingham Forest has given the Leeds back four a much more stable look.

"Kenny has made a tremendous difference and the back four is now playing as a unit."

And Gary knows that the Yorkshire defence will have to be on top of their form to cope with Spurs' razor-sharp strikers.

"Every player in the team likes to go forward and that makes them so dangerous," said Gary. "They don't give you much opportunity to attack them."

The FA Cup offers Leeds' success-starved fans their only hope of glory this season and Allan Clarke's men are determined not to disappoint them.

"It would be great if we could go all the way and win," said Gary. "And it would also give us a passage into Europe next season."



Leeds' Gary Hamson — "I see no reason why we can't beat Spurs or at least bring them back to Elland Road."

● FA CUP fourth round line-up
... full fixtures on Page 23.

MATCH WINNERS

A FABULOUS Tensai mini-stereo system is on its way to M. Tovey of Salisbury, Wiltshire, as the lucky winner of the 'Spot the Difference' competition which appeared in the December 26 issue of Match.

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THE six lucky winners of the Kevin Keegan competition which appeared in the December 26 issue of Match each received a fabulous colour

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THE thirteen lucky winners of the 'Spot the Difference' competition which appeared in the January 2 issue of Match each received a super pullover embroidered with their favourite team's name and crest.

They are: Louise Telfer, Clifton, Bristol; John Findlay, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow; Gareth Venables, Cyncoed, Cardiff; David Forshaw, North Meols, Merseyside; Sandra Hepburn, Northallerton, N. Yorks; Clare Parker, London W5; Mark Yeowell, Beccles, Suffolk; Gerald Wilson, Musselburgh, Midlothian; John Evans, Birmingham; Paul Saunders, Hazlemere, Bucks; Chris Prior, Hook Green, Kent; Robert Marks, Tunstall, Staffs; Paul Ede, Uttoxeter, Staffs.

THE ten lucky winners of the 'Spot the Ball' competition which appeared in the January 2 issue of Match each win one of our action packed '1982 All Star Football Specials' and they are:

Darren Hughes, Rhodes, Manchester; Jason Spencer, Loughton, Essex; David Saunders, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks; Roger Marshall, Milnrow, Lancs; Francesca Royston, Saltash, Cornwall; Marc Priddle, Maidenhead, Berks; Susan Blackburne, Mitcham, Surrey; Mark Lewis, Ford Street, Clun; Peter Humphries, Birmingham; Gareth Moon, Needingworth, Cambs.

Adrian Heath in action for the England Under-21 side — he's hoping his move to Goodison will help him fulfil his ambition of making the full England side.



ADRIAN Heath, Everton's new £700,000 midfield dynamo, this week described how Stoke City's lack of ambition drove him away from his home town club.

That, plus his own burning desire to win a trophy, led to his inevitable departure from the Potteries.

And as he waited patiently for his Everton debut, the England Under-21 international stressed: "I don't owe Stoke anything."

The 21-year-old bundle of energy feels Stoke should have gone into the transfer market early in the season when there was the promise of success in the offing.

The fact that they didn't only served to underline to Adrian that he had to leave the Victoria Ground as soon as possible.

As he explains: "When we were going well at the start of the season the club should have bought a couple of players."

"That would have given everyone connected with the club a big boost."

"But they didn't, results suffered and the enthusiasm within the club took a bit of a knock."

"I realise that Stoke will never break the transfer record on gates of 12,000, but I feel they should have done something to lift the players and fans."

"The club have only collected one honour in nearly 120 years. That's a long time and it would certainly not be tolerated at other

clubs where fans demand some success."

"I would hate to go through my career without winning a trophy, and that might have happened had I stayed at Stoke."

"I know Everton haven't won anything for around 11 years, but I believe I have a much better chance of fulfilling my ambitions there than at Stoke."

Adrian, who became unsettled towards the end of last season, welcomed new manager Richie Barker on his first day by telling him: "I want to move."

"He had stated that he wanted to hear from any players who didn't want to play for the club," says Adrian.

"So I told him on his first day. He probably felt that was a bit of an indictment to him on his first day and after that we didn't actually see eye to eye."

"I had enough faith in my ability to realise that once clubs knew I was available someone would come in with an offer."

"As it turned out I was lucky enough to have a big club like Everton interested."

"I had three years of my contract to run but I felt that was too long

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SWOP SHOP

Reporter Melvyn Beck talks to midfield dynamo Adrian Heath about his big-money transfer from Stoke to Everton and the young England player declares . . .

'I OWE STOKE NOTHING'



Welcome
TO
EVERTON
F.C.



New Everton signing Adrian Heath gets a welcome from his new club!

to wait for a move.

"It may seem a selfish attitude but I felt I had to get away as soon as possible if I was to achieve my ambitions.

"It was not a question of joining any First Division club.

"I wanted to make certain that I would be bettering myself.

"As it is, Everton are one of those seven or eight clubs who can give me a greater chance of winning something."

Adrian has no regrets about leaving his home town club.

"I don't owe them anything," he stresses.

"I'm obviously grateful to them for giving me League experience at such an early age which is one of the advantages of being with a smaller club.

"But on the other hand I gave 100 per cent in every match and I

was a good ambassador for the club in various activities off the field.

"Having received £700,000, I don't think Stoke have done too badly out of me."

Meeting

Adrian had virtually made up his mind to join Everton before his meeting with manager Howard Kendall in a Manchester hotel.

"I had a call from the Stoke secretary saying that the clubs had agreed a fee and that I was to meet Howard Kendall after Everton's game at Old Trafford," he recalls.

"I was keen to leave Stoke and I knew this would be too good a chance to miss.

"Obviously I had to listen to what the manager had to say, but my mind was virtually made up

before I walked into the hotel.

"It also helped knowing the manager — having played with him a few times during his playing days at Stoke — but this is not to say that I wouldn't have joined Everton had Howard not been manager.

"I knew Everton was a big club, but I was surprised to find it was even bigger than I imagined.

"The facilities and potential are tremendous and it must be only a matter of time before honours are coming the club's way.

"If we can harness the youthful enthusiasm to the experience then I see no reason why the club can't soon be winning things again."

Adrian hopes that his arrival on Merseyside will boost his chances of playing for England.

"A club like Everton is always in the public eye through the media

and television — more so than a club like Stoke," he says.

"I'm not saying the England manager is influenced by this, but it must help if he is continually reminded of your name through these channels.

"I would love to go to Spain because playing for your country is the best thing that can ever happen to a footballer, but I'm not being too optimistic to prevent myself being disappointed.

"I've got youth on my side so if I don't make it this time you can bet that I shall be battling for a place in the next World Cup and the European Championships."

Next week new Stoke City signing Dave Watson talks to Match Weekly.

GRIN



BACK ROW (left to right): Jimmy Fell, Kevin Moore, Nigel Batch, Graham Cawthorne, Lenny Robinson, Mike Czuczman, Dave Moore.

MIDDLE: George Kerr (manager, no longer with the club), John Fraser (physio), John Steeples, Phil Crosby, Tony Ford, Gary Beacock, Tony Ward, John Stone, Dean Crombie, Clive Wigginton, Kevin Kilmore, Dave Booth (coach).

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Richard Stapleton of
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drawn West Ham's Phil
Parkes (left) because
"Phil is the best keeper
in England".



Zico (right) of
Brazil deserves a
place in Star
Gallery because
"he's amazing,"
says C. Lawrence of
Greenwich,
London.



Ipswich Town's
Dutch midfielder
Frans Thijssen is
"one of the best
around",
according to
14-year-old
Graham Walters
of Stockport.

STAR GALLERY

Below: Queens Park Rangers' Tony
Currie should have won more England
caps — "he's the best midfielder in the
country", says Tim Dale of Tonbridge,
Kent.



Stratton on Saturday

Luton can pull Cup shock out of the hat!

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HERE are Paul Stratton's selected matches for this Saturday, together with those of his special guest opponent.

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HATS of to the 'Hatters'.

First Division-bound Luton Town will on Saturday cap their fine season by topping FA Cup favourites Ipswich.

And their near rivals, Watford, stand a great chance of making it a giant-killing double by beating West Ham.

If, as many believe, it is to be the turn of a Second Division outfit to lift the coveted trophy, then Luton could be that team.

And while opponents don't come much tougher than star-studded Ipswich, the Cup has a habit of bringing out the best in the underdogs and Luton on their own ground look good to pull off another shock in this season of Cup upsets.

The same goes for Watford who, as I predicted, knocked out Manchester United in the Third Round.

West Ham will be doing most of the worrying on Saturday, but I fancy this tie to go to a replay with the 'Hammers' winning at Upton Park.

Of course the real shock would come if either Bristol City or Gillingham were to K.O. their First Division opponents.

I can't see it, however.

Villa absolutely ripped Notts County apart in the Third Round and the same could happen to Bristol City.

Gillingham's chances of an upset may be slightly better, but on-song Albion should coast through to the Fifth Round.

Brighton had plenty of shooting practice against brave Barnet in the last round and can convert that into goals against Oxford.

Match Weekly is backing Doncaster on the Wembley trail and I'm backing them to get a draw at Norwich on Saturday and win the replay.

And last, but not least, holders Spurs — as I forecast, 1-0 victors over Arsenal in the Third Round — should dispose of Leeds at White Hart Lane.

I've predicted scorelines for nine of Saturday's FA Cup ties and the challenge is beat me if you can!

My special guest opponent this week is 16-year-old Vincent Barrett of Sutton, Surrey.

You can see his predictions alongside mine in the special panel.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are, and if Vincent manages to score more points than me, he wins £5.

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MATCH	MY FORECAST	GUESTS FORECAST	YOUR FORECAST	RESULT
Brighton v Oxford	3-1	2-0		
Bristol C. v Aston Villa	0-4	1-3		
C. Palace v Bolton	1-0	2-1		
Gillingham v W.B.A.	0-2	1-2		
Luton v Ipswich	2-1	2-2		
Man. City v Coventry	3-0	2-0		
Norwich v Doncaster	1-1	2-0		
Tottenham v Leeds	2-0	1-0		
Watford V West Ham	2-2	1-2		

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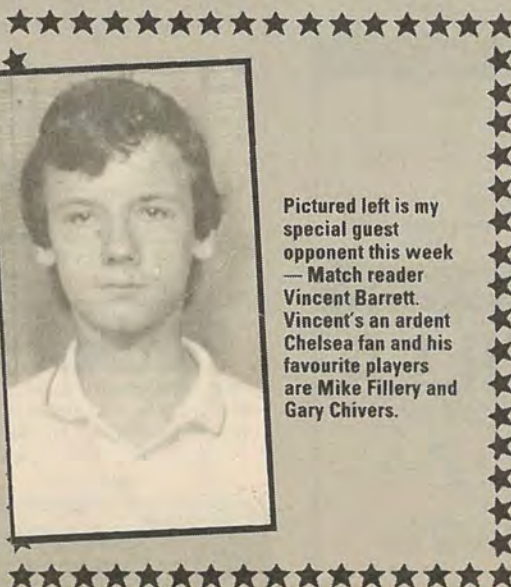
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Pictured left is my special guest opponent this week — Match reader Vincent Barrett. Vincent's an ardent Chelsea fan and his favourite players are Mike Fillery and Gary Chivers.

CUP FIXTURES

FA Cup, Fourth Round

Saturday, Jan. 23

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Marksman on the market

THE more giants Blackpool can slay in the FA Cup, the greater the chance striker Colin Morris has of achieving his ambition to play in the top flight.

With struggling Blackpool having created one of the shocks of the Third Round with a 2-0 win at Barnsley, the former Southend and Burnley forward goes into the shop window against Middlesbrough or QPR in the next round.

And with the Fourth Division club rating him in the £200,000 class, the 28-year-old goalscorer realises he will have to produce top class goods.

Chance

"Just after the start of the season, I felt that if I was going to get a chance of playing in a higher grade then it had to come soon," says Colin, who has formed a profitable partnership with Dave Bamber this season.

"I'm 28, so if I'm going to leave Blackpool it's got to be now and that's why I went on the transfer list.

"There was talk recently of a possible deal with Middlesbrough involving their defender Bill Ashcroft, but nothing came of it.

"They are asking around £200,000 for me and I'm afraid they might be pricing me out of the market.

"I know one or two clubs have been interested but the price might have put them off.

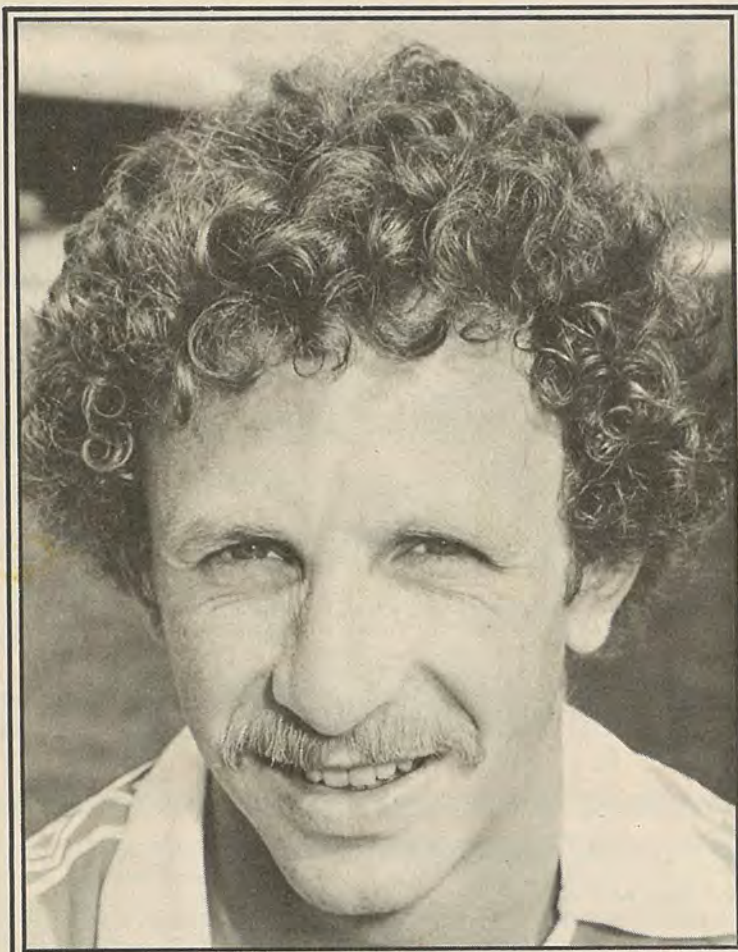
"Manager Allan Brown told me before the Barnsley game that I was in the shop window and that a number of clubs would be watching.

"I quite enjoyed the game and scored the crucial second goal so I hope I might have been noticed.

"I would love a chance in the First Division.

"I'm sure I could do it if someone would take the chance."

Meanwhile, Colin's present task is to spearhead



Colin Morris — he was in the shop window in Blackpool's shock FA Cup defeat of Barnsley.

Blackpool into the Fifth Round and help the once-proud club restore their dented image.

And Colin, the club's top scorer last season with 12 goals when they were relegated to the Fourth Division for the first time, feels the shock victory over

League Cup giantkillers Barnsley might just be the turning point.

"We had a lean time during October and November when we started leaking a few goals," he says.

"But in the last three matches, including the cup wins at Kettering and

Barnsley, we changed the system to 4-4-2 and it paid off.

"We are looking much tighter at the back and we are also getting more men forward on the break.

"One of the major influences behind the improvement has been the switch of Peter Noble from midfield to the centre of the defence.

"He's an aggressive player and a good organiser as he showed at Barnsley.

"If that win at Barnsley doesn't give the team confidence, then nothing will."

Blackpool had the boost of a first minute goal from top scorer Dave Bamber, laid on by Colin.

"I couldn't believe the space we had when we scored that goal," he recalls.

"Barnsley had most of the play as you might expect, but they never created one clear-cut chance all night.

"We defended really well. Our players were like 'rats up a drain pipe' as they quickly closed down players.

"In the end, I think we won far more easily than we could have hoped.

"We've got a home tie now which is all you can hope for at this stage of the competition.

"We've had three tricky away ties. In fact, we were

Boost

somewhat lucky to win 1-0 at Horden Colliery in the First Round.

"I believe we've got more than an even chance of reaching the last 16.

"I suppose we'll be the underdogs again and on paper we shouldn't win. But we shouldn't have won on paper at Barnsley.

"With the club on the breadline, it's great to have a cup run to boost the funds, and it also gives the team confidence in a season when a return to the Third Division is of prime importance."

Keith can't stop scoring

OXFORD striker Keith Cassells, the Third Division's leading scorer, can't help scoring in the FA Cup.

He scored both goals in the 2-2 Second Round draw at Aldershot and then grabbed a hat-trick in the 4-2 replay victory.

And he helped Oxford collect a Fourth Round ticket with a goal in the 2-0 win at Bournemouth to take his season's tally to 18.

Focus on Divisions Three and Four with Melvyn Beck

WEBB STAYS

DAVID Webb, who has revived the fortunes of Fourth Division Bournemouth, has signed a new three-year contract.

The offer came just a few days after he had threatened to resign following a row before the cup defeat by Oxford.

Telfer on target

FORMER Everton winger George Telfer made his mark on his first full appearance for Fourth Division Scunthorpe.

He scored the vital second goal in the 3-1 FA Cup Second Round win at Crewe.

George's last appearance in the First Division was as a substitute against FA Cup winners Tottenham last April.

Nimmo sidelined

IAN Nimmo, Doncaster's leading scorer last season when they gained promotion from the Fourth Division, is out for the rest of the season after a training accident.

The former Sheffield Wednesday striker broke his right leg in two places while preparing for the FA Cup tie with Cambridge United.

Axe Grobbelaar!

LIVERPOOL manager Bob Paisley should drop goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar now! The former Vancouver keeper was thrown into the First Division without any experience and it's costing Liverpool both goals and games.

Ray Clemence's understudy last season was former Chesterfield star Steve Ogrizovic and, although he's only made four League appearances for Liverpool, I believe he should be given a chance now. Stuart Hazell (13), Roffey, Horsham, West Sussex.

Beattie tragedy

IT was a tragedy that Kevin Beattie had to announce the end of his England and Ipswich playing career shortly before Christmas.

Kevin underwent five operations in a battle to beat a crippling knee injury. He fought to play on when many other players would have thrown in the towel.

He won nine England caps when he should have won fifty.

I often go to the Ipswich training ground and Kevin will always chat to the fans, share a joke and sign autographs.

I only hope that he finds success in whatever he does now that he has hung up his boots.

Sean Knights, Royal Hospital School, Ipswich.

GET WELL SOON, DENNIS

I was very upset when I heard that Dennis Tueart had injured himself in the Manchester City-Sunderland match.

The way he was playing, he could have gone to Spain with England.

He had scored 11 goals and I fancied him to score 30 as he is so consistent.

I'm sure all Manchester City fans wish Dennis a speedy recovery.

Clare Roper (10), Nottingham.

CROSS-FIRE

IT annoys me that with all the fuss and attention given to Archibald and Crooks of Spurs last season, the efforts of West Ham's David Cross this season have gone unnoticed.

He's scored more goals than Crooks and Archibald put together and more than Archibald in one game... when he scored four as West Ham beat Spurs 4-0! Gary Osborne, Romford, Essex.

Right: Dennis Tueart — the way he was playing he could have gone to Spain with England, says, Clare Roper.



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Luton will lose out!

I'M outraged that Luton Town are already being hailed as champions of Division Two with half of the season still to run.

They stormed off to a fantastic start last season and what happened? They finished half-way down the table.

They are sure to do the same this year. Barnsley, Queen's Park Rangers and Sheffield Wednesday are the teams who will make it into

the First Division. Jonathon Ockleton, Woodborough, Nottingham.

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Success overdue

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Last season, Sunderland's total home League attendance topped half-a-million even though they narrowly escaped relegation.

If Sunderland reached the top five in the First Division, they would have crowds of more than 35,000. J. Biafra, Sunderland, Tyne-and-Wear.

● SUNDERLAND supporters must enjoy suffering... and there's more in store this season. You're booked.

Waste of money!

I AM outraged by the form of Nottingham Forest centre forward Justin Fashanu.

The £1 million Forest paid Norwich for him has been a waste of money. He scored four goals in his first 22 appearances.

Darren Cound, Stourport-on-Severn.

● FINDING the goalscoring touch after a change of clubs often eludes the most gifted players. Given time, Fashanu will score goals... and make you eat your words. You're booked.

Three-point turn-off

I AM outraged about this season's new points system.

I'm a Sheffield Wednesday supporter and dull teams like Cardiff and Wrexham come to Hillsborough, score an early goal and then defend with 11 men in a desperate bid to hang on to three points. Indar Singh, Wisewood, Sheffield.

● MAYBE you preferred the days when visiting sides were happy with a 0-0 scoreline and a share of the points. And Wrexham weren't so dull when they scored three at Forest in the Cup... you're booked!

Plastic crowd pleaser

EVERYONE has had their say about Queen's Park Rangers' synthetic turf.

Visiting managers moan about it and visiting players complain about the burns they receive from sliding on the plastic grass. Even Jimmy Hill has had his say.

But the people who matter — the fans — have not been heard.

If synthetic turf means fewer postponements and less blank Saturday afternoons during the worst of the winter weather, then I'm all in favour of it! Ray Heard, Bridgwater, Somerset.

SO SPECIAL

MATCH Weekly's 1982 All Star Special was brilliant. The colour posters were superb, the stars wrote great columns and I particularly enjoyed the puzzles and quizzes. I can't wait for your 1983 issue! Gavin Lawley, Kidderminster, Worcs.

GREAT GREAVES

OXFORD boss Ian Greaves deserves some praise for the terrific job he's done since arriving at the Manor Ground.

When he took over, the club looked doomed to relegation to the Fourth Division but he's since shaped them into promotion contenders.

Over the past year, the club have played attractive football and this has been reflected in the rise in attendances.

The former Bolton manager has had to achieve all this with virtually the same squad because he hasn't got any money to spend on new players.

Clare Rogers (15), Botley, Oxford.

Spurred on by the best fans

LIVERPOOL fans are always rated as the best in the country, but I believe my team — Spurs — have the best following.

They always take at least a couple of thousand fans to away games and that's not bad considering today's falling attendances.

Even when they weren't up among the leaders, the fans still went to watch their White Hart Lane heroes.

John Westbrook, London NW1.

Keegan's far from finished!

SOUTHAMPTON skipper Kevin Keegan has proved to everyone that he's still the best footballer in England.

He's been the most consistent player in the First Division this season and the most prolific scorer.

His non-stop running earned him my 'Man of the Match' vote during England's World Cup qualifier against Hungary and I'm sure he'll do well in Spain.

He's finally shrugged off his injury problems and proved to all the doubters that he's far from finished. Well done Kevin! Miss P. Grattage, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

RANGERS TO THE RESCUE

£10 WINNER

QPR's Omniturf pitch saved our day and gave us some of the best entertainment of the season.

Some friends and I travelled down from Norfolk to watch Norwich play Charlton only to learn when we reached The Valley, that the match had been postponed.

The 100-mile trip wasn't wasted because we watched QPR play Chelsea at Loftus Road and saw a fast exciting game of football.

Rangers did seem to be more at home on the new-style surface, but Chelsea, unlike other teams, weren't scared to tackle on the plastic pitch.

Hence John Neal's side came away with a thoroughly deserved 2-0 win and we went home happy. Rangers had saved our day.

Chelsea proved to other teams in the Second Division that QPR can be beaten at home if you play naturally.

Alan Callaby, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

TERRACE TALK

AT THE DOUBLE!

ENGLAND skipper Kevin Keegan leads out my team to beat all the others.

I've selected this side from players whose surnames start with the same letter as their Christian names. It looks unbeatable:

Phil Parkes (West Ham), Mick Mills (Ipswich), Arthur Albiston (Man. Utd), Ray Ranson (Man. City), Billy Bonds (West Ham), Paul Power (Man. City), Kevin Keegan (Southampton), Gary Gillespie (Coventry), Joe Jordan (AC Milan), Gerry Gow (Man. City), Simon Stainrod (QPR). Subs: Brendon Batson (West Brom), Dai Davies (Swansea), Simon Holmes (12), Eggbuckland, Plymouth, Devon.



Gary Gillespie — he's in Simon Holmes' 'unbeatable' team.

Golden Goof!

THE sweet smell of success! Carlisle's Peter Beardsley has it according to this newspaper clipping.

It was sent in by Stephen Pilkington (12) of Hinckley, Leics.

Manager Bob Stokoe was also feeling pleased with Beardsley, borrowed back from the American scene only months after smelling him for £275,000.

Boxing Day blow

I WAS one of the 200 fans who turned out at 8am on Boxing Day to help clear Walsall's pitch of snow so that the Third Division match with Huddersfield could go ahead.

A decision to play was delayed until 2pm. Both managers agreed that the pitch was fit for play, yet the referee called the game off.

Surely managers have a better idea than referees about when a pitch is playable and when it's not.

Geoffrey Allman, Essington, Wolverhampton.

THE DAVID CROSS

WE'RE THE

WE are probably expected to lose at Watford in the Fourth Round of the FA Cup.

With the Second Division side having been fired by their Third Round defeat of Manchester United, many people will now regard us as the underdogs.

In fact, their 1-0 victory over United was expected in many quarters.

Left: Watford winger Nigel Callaghan, who has impressed David Cross this season.

Below: West Ham skipper Billy Bonds celebrates his opening goal against Everton in the FA Cup with striker Paul Goddard.

Watford have a big reputation for toppling First Division giants in cup competitions. It was only a couple of years ago that they won at Old Trafford in the League Cup.

So it was no real shock to me that Watford took the honours. That tie was a prime one for giant-killing and it would be more surprising to me if there were no upsets in the Cup.

No doubt Watford are relishing the Fourth



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UNDERDOGS

WATFORD WILL BE TOUGH OPPONENTS

Round clash far more than us.

They must be licking their lips at the thought of another bumper pay-day at Vicarage Road and the prospect of another First Division scalp with the confidence of the last round success behind them.

We are fully aware of what Watford are capable of. Let's face it, we were playing them on merit last season in the Second Division.

We completed the 'double' over them last term but both games were settled by the odd goal and, in the previous season, when we won the FA Cup, they took three points from us.

Watford's approach to the game is always bound to upset First Division teams.

They are very competitive, work very hard for each other and never allow opposition players to settle on the ball.

Their strike force of Ross Jenkins and Luther Blissett is capable of presenting problems to the tightest of defences.

Big Ross is a threat in the air and Luther works off him very well.

And I have been impressed with the form of young winger Nigel Callaghan.

The way the club is developing at the moment tends to suggest that they could achieve promotion this season.

They have shown in the past that they are capable of defeating First Division sides, and with that confidence behind them, they could do well in the higher sphere.

It's not a question of whether a team has the potential or is capable of playing in the First Division.

If they obtain more points than the fourth-placed team in the Second Division, then they earn promotion on merit.

Our natural reaction to the draw was one of disappointment, but facing a tough hurdle away from home has at least put us in the right frame of mind.

It would be far worse if we rubbed our hands at the draw, because that's when you can become rather vulnerable.

There is no reason why we can't go all the way to Wembley. We've got as much chance as anyone else in the competition.

Since winning the Cup in 1980, we've gained the confidence of beating a lot of top teams and establishing ourselves in the First Division, plus the fact that the side has been together now for quite a while.

So in those circumstances, we must always fancy ourselves to win the Cup.

I hope our Third Round win over Everton is

an omen. We defeated the Merseyside club in the Semi-Finals when we lifted the trophy nearly two years ago.

I was surprised at the way we clicked in the first hour against Everton considering we'd had almost a month's absence from competitive football.

When I scored the second goal to put us 2-0 up, I thought we had made it, but Everton showed a lot of character in the last half-hour as we gradually faded through tiredness.

And it was only a great penalty save by Phil Parkes which prevented Trevor Ross from taking us back up to Goodison for a replay.

But I think even the most ardent Everton fan would agree that we deserved to go through on the evidence of our first hour's play.

However, Everton's big rivals, Liverpool, restored the Merseyside honour a few days later when they hammered us 3-0 at Anfield.

It was unquestionably our worst display of the season although I don't intend to take anything away from Liverpool, who showed us that they could still have a big say in the League Championship.

We were second best in every aspect of the game and we just never did ourselves justice. In fact, we were lucky to get nothing!

My old pal Terry McDermott was impressive in midfield along with young Ronnie Whelan, who looks a real prospect.

And Phil Neal produced his usual steady, attacking game from right back where he has performed so superbly over the years.

So we've been murdered twice by Liverpool this season because in the 1-1 draw at Upton Park, we were lucky to escape with a point.

Certainly, they can't be written off. They've had a lean spell by their own high standards, but I feel they will be there or thereabouts when the Championship reaches its climax.

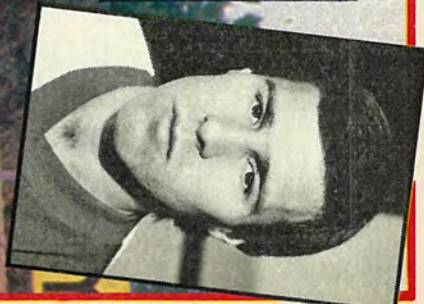
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David Cross





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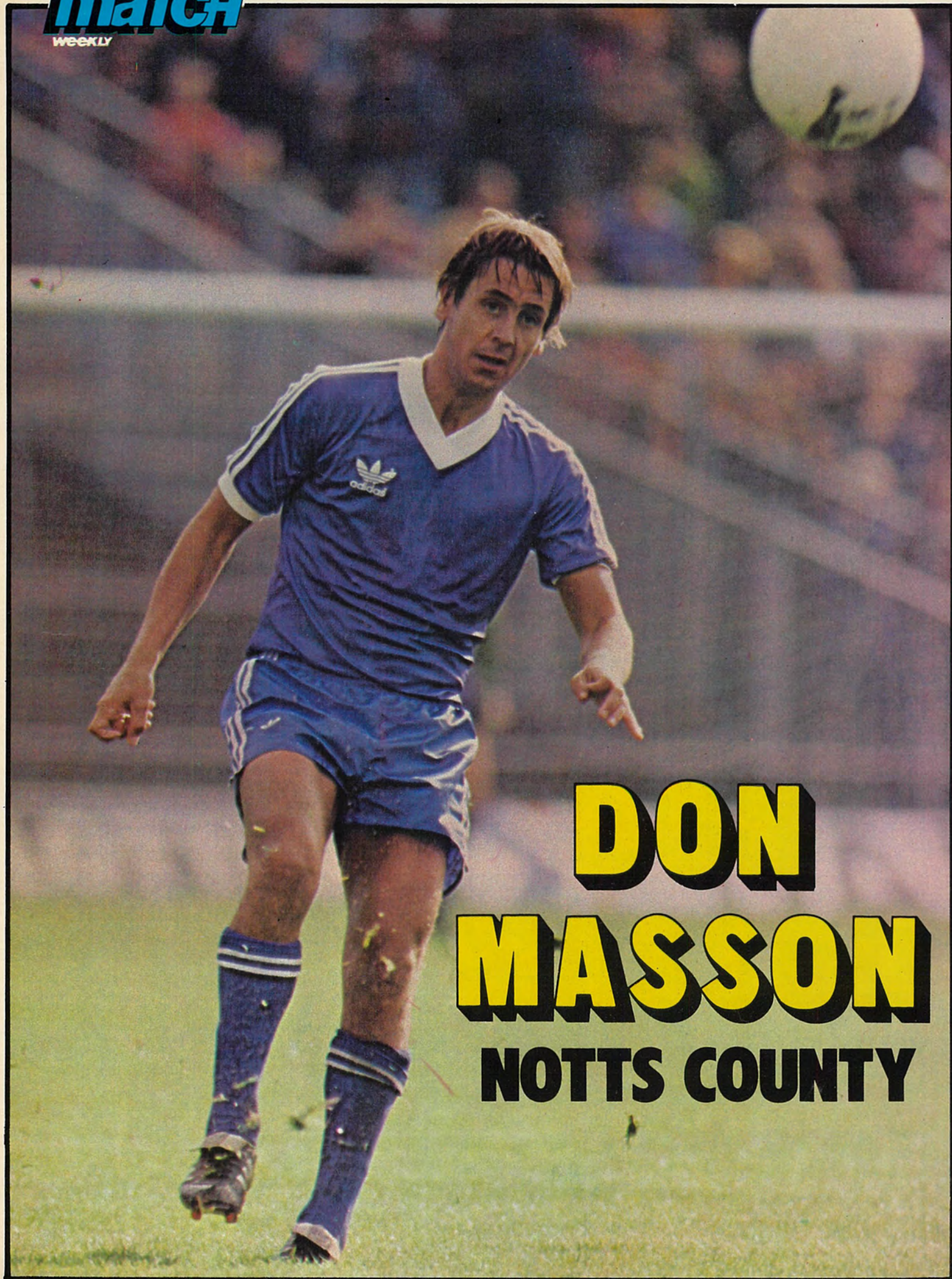
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BACK ROW (left to right): Phil Brignull, Nigel Spackman, John Impay, Paul Compton, Ian Leigh, Kenny Allen, Trevor Morgan (now with Mansfield), Tom Hetherman, Dean Mooney, Milton Graham.

FRONT ROW: Neil Prosser (contract cancelled), Derek Dawkins, Keith Williams, Brian Smith, Kevin Dawtry, Chris Sulley, Paul Edmunds, Eddie Kelly (now with Leicester).

INSETS: Tony Funnell (left), Andy Crawford (right).



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IN THE RED CORNER...

Ronnie Whelan finds life a battle at Liverpool

LIVERPOOL'S Eire international, Ronnie Whelan, is faced with one of the toughest jobs in football.

The youngster is battling against such household names as Terry McDermott, Ray Kennedy and Sammy Lee for a regular place in Liverpool's star-studded midfield.

"There's no harder place to establish yourself than Anfield," said the 20-year-old, who was capped twice for his country before he'd played the same number of games for the European champions.

Despite the quality of the opposition, Ronnie has taken his chance well and was voted the North West's 'Young Player of the Month' for November following a series of brilliant displays.

Liverpool's 3-0 humiliation of West Ham was his eighth game on the trot this season and, in that period, he'd made a name for himself as a hot shot with three goals in four matches.

Below: Ronnie (second left) wheels away in delight, arms raised, after scoring in Liverpool's 3-0 League victory over West Ham.

Fans first saw Ronnie's goalscoring potential on his debut at Anfield last season when he scored in their 3-0 win over Stoke.

The youngster beat Stoke's offside trap when he was put clear by Sammy Lee. He raced the full length of the opposition half to coolly slip the ball past 'keeper Peter Fox.

"It seemed to take me so long to reach their penalty area that I began to wonder whether I'd get there," joked Ronnie.

Surprise

That was Ronnie's only outing in the first team last season though soon after, he picked up his first international cap when he came on as substitute for Coventry's Gerry Daly in Eire's 3-1 win over Czechoslovakia.

"It was a tremendous surprise to be selected. I didn't know anyone was watching me. After all, I was still only a reserve team player."

But his performance in the final 20 minutes of the game impressed Eire manager Eoin Hand sufficiently to include him in the starting line-up for the next game against France.

"Playing against top class players helped me when I broke



Ronnie Whelan — "There's no harder place than Anfield to establish yourself."

into the Liverpool side. I knew what to expect and how to cope with the big crowds.

"First Division and international football is a completely different game to playing in the reserves. On my debut for Eire, I found myself suffering from cramp before the end of the game even though I wasn't on the field long."

"I'm very happy with the way I've settled into the Liverpool side and I feel I'm playing quite well now. At first, I found it difficult to adjust.

"But the competition for places is so fierce here that I've got to be consistent. If I fall below par,

there's always someone to replace me.

"At first, I found myself running around all over the place trying to make an impression. The other lads in the team told me to slow down and take my time and my game has benefited from that advice."

Ronnie was spotted by Liverpool scouts while he was playing as an amateur for League of Ireland side Home Park.

"I was 18 at the time and still at school. They asked me over for a trial and I didn't think twice before accepting," said Ronnie.

"I come from a football-mad family. My father used to play for

New-look

St Patrick's Athletic and was capped twice by Eire. All I wanted to do was become a professional footballer."

Ronnie is currently playing on the right side of Liverpool's new-look midfield and keeping out the highly-rated Sammy Lee.

"At the moment, I'm just concentrating on keeping my place. That's the most important thing for me at the moment."

But being a member of a team like Liverpool, Ronnie could finish his first full season in the first team with a major honour.

"I still think Liverpool can win the Championship. The new three points for a win system means that you're never out of contention.

"We've been dropping a lot of stupid points this season and if we can tighten up on that, I'm sure we'll still be in with a shout."



BOMBUSTED

Dropped within grasp of a record—now Godden wants to get away

THE axe hit goalkeeper Tony Godden like a bombshell.

He stood on 226 consecutive appearances for West Brom and was just six short of the all-time League record when he was told he'd been dropped.

And what made it even harder to swallow, he claims, is that he was one of the last to hear that he had lost his first team place.

Tony (25), now resigned to leaving The Hawthorns, told Match Weekly: "Half the lads in the team knew that I was being dropped before I was told, although the manager said he hadn't told them."

"It was bad enough losing my place — especially as I was so close to Leicester 'keeper Mark Wallington's appearance record."

Tony says he is still mystified as to why he was dropped.

"I still don't know exactly what went

wrong, although one of the reasons given was that it was because of my performance in Albion's 3-3 draw with Birmingham back in October.

"I admit I did make one mistake which led to a goal and it wasn't one of my better games, but if I am at fault I'm always ready to admit it, apologise to the rest of the lads and then set about making up for it."

"If I'd had a complete nightmare for two or three matches the axe would have been fair enough and I would have got down to getting back into the side again."

"But it wasn't like that. The game before Birmingham was against Shrewsbury in the League Cup and we won 2-1. There wasn't much I could do about their goal in that game."

"And in the match before that — a 1-1 draw at home to Southampton — I more or less earned us a point."

"When I was told I'd lost my place on

the Thursday following the Birmingham game it came right out of the blue. I just wasn't expecting it."

Tony thought things over for two weeks before asking for a transfer.

"I didn't want to do anything hasty so I sat on it, but I realised I wasn't going to get back into the side."

"Look'ng back I think it would have taken a miracle for me to get my place back."

Despite asking for a move, Tony claims that he found out around Christmas time that his name still had not been circulated.

"I then demanded to be put on the list and have found out since that they are asking £450,000 for me."

"I have always believed that transfer fees for goalkeepers have been too low, but I think that price is a bit much — especially when you consider West Brom's initial layout for me was £500 plus another £1,500 when I made my first team debut."

"I don't believe I have anything to prove to anyone at Albion and I don't think I deserved the treatment I got."

"I believe now that it's all down to a personality clash between myself, coach Gerry Summers and manager Ronnie Allen — in that order."

"Now there is no way I will play another game for Albion. I wouldn't want to now anyway — it's a matter of principle."

Pleased

"It's very sad because I was hoping for great things this season and up until the time this all blew up I was pleased with the way I was playing."

"People were telling me I stood a chance of pushing my way into the England 'B' side."

"Now I must look to pick up the pieces of my season with a new club."

"Quite honestly I would go anywhere where I would be happy. I desperately want regular first team football again."

"Obviously a move to another Midlands club would be ideal because it wouldn't mean moving home."

"Naturally I will be sad to leave West Brom after six years with the club. I have had some superb times and I've been working with the best bunch of lads possible."

"And that includes Mark Grew, who took over from me in goal."

"He's been at West Brom the same length of time as myself and I've nothing against him whatsoever."

"He has taken his chance in the first team and I wish him the best of luck."

"Although I've been unhappy over the last couple of months — and only playing a few games in the reserves because of the weather and a lack of fixtures — it hasn't affected my confidence."

"I've been training harder than ever before to keep myself in top condition and now I just want to get away and get on with the job."

Transfer-listed West Brom star Tony Godden talks to Match Weekly . . . and tells the inside story of his bust-up with the club that has been his 'home' for six years.

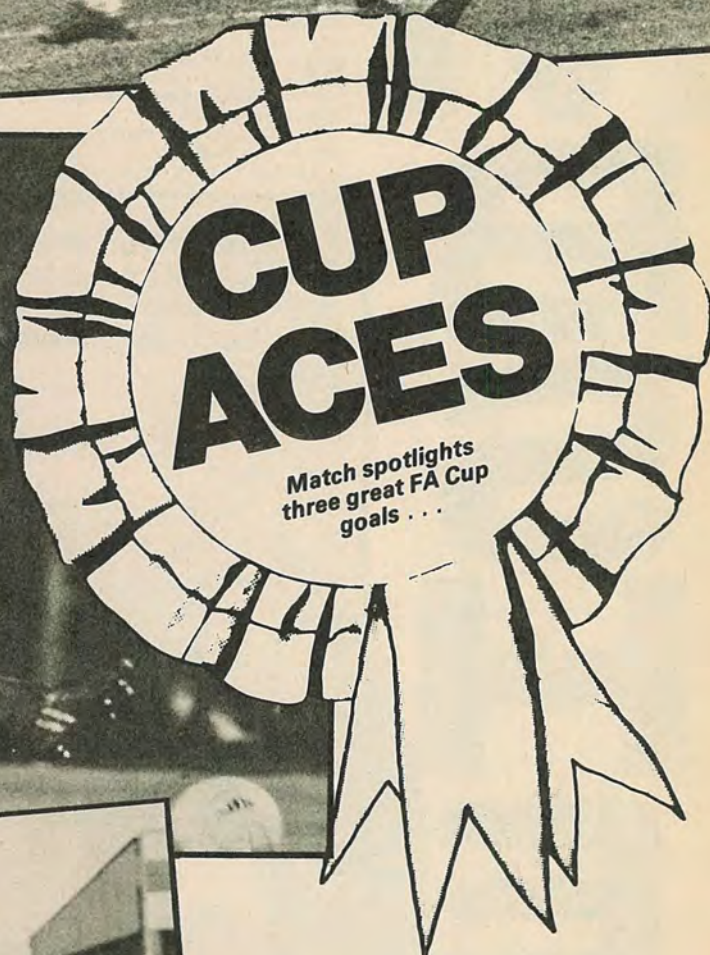


Tony Godden — dropped from the first team just six matches short of the all-time consecutive appearance record.

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The strike meant that we had to print Match Weekly earlier than usual, leading to the cancellation of our special weekend service.

Match Facts, widely regarded as the best statistical guide in football, will be back next week to bring you bang up-to-date with all the latest details.



Top: Alan Brazil steers home the first of his two goals in Ipswich Town's 3-2 victory over Birmingham in the Third Round at St Andrews.

Centre: Swansea substitute Max Thompson can't prevent Liverpool's Mark Lawrenson from putting the Reds three-up in the Third Round tie at the Vetch Field. Liverpool won 4-0.

Bottom: Derek Goulding heads Altrincham's first goal against York in the Second Round replay at Altrincham. The non-League battlers won through 4-3.

SOCCERWORD

Across

1. The club which replaced Southport in the League (5,8)
7. A very common score (3-3)
8. Southend's Danny — son of Jimmy (7)
9. Supporters often do this during a match if their side is playing well (4)
11. It sounds as if this

Stamford Bridge feature was just a hut (4)

12. Aberdeen's supporters can't do it! (5)
14. Stadia (7)
17. The usual number in the final squad for an international (7)
18. Players use different ones for different surfaces (5)

20. --- Glasson, well-known referee (4)

21. He's obviously a man of Steele! (4)
26. Forest forward (7)
27. Match of the Day comes from one (6)
28. 'Those do swerve' (anagram) — so this keeper must be careful (5,8)



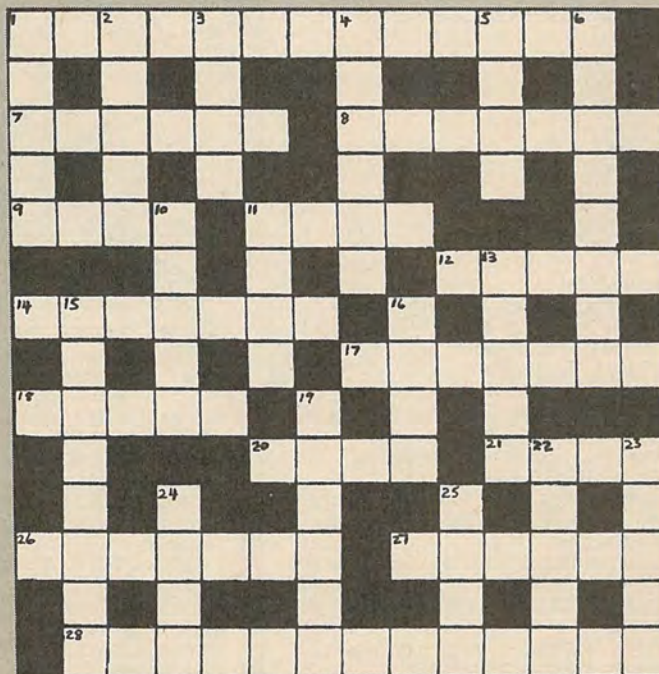
Above: Name this keeper and you have the answer to 28 across.

Left: Who's this Nottingham Forest forward? See 26 across.

Down

1. They're full of trees... and Forest is where this keeper began (5)
2. The colour for the keeper of Walsall... (5)
- 3... who recently appointed --- Martin as manager (4)
4. Rotherham supremo this season (6)
5. Fans usually have a favourite one (4)
6. 'E. C. McNeel' (anagram) — hip, hip... who? Ray! (8)
10. He sounds like the most valuable manager in England! (5)
11. XI (4)
13. Another word for 'championship' (5)
15. --- Football Yearbook (8)
16. One of the two teams in a certain place... (4)

- 19... the other team there (the one managed by 10 down) (6)
22. One source of final scores (5)
23. Clubs like to have a big, well-behaved one (5)
- 24 & 25. The Wearside League club, which has won the FA Vase and also done well in the FA Sunday Cup sounds as if it has an unhappy idol! (4,4)



SOLUTION

Across: 1 Wigan Athletic; 7 one-nil; 8 Greaves; 9 sing; 11 Shed; 12 stand; 14 grounds; 17 sixteen; 18 studs; 20 Tony; 21 Eric; 26 Wallace; 27 studio; 28 Steve Sherwood.
Down: 1 Woods; 2 Green; 3 Neil; 4 Hughes; 5 team; 6 Clemence; 10 Gould; 11 side; 13 title; 15 Rothmans; 16 City (Bristol); 19 Rovers; 22 radio; 23 crowd; 24 & 25 Blue Star.



Iain McCulloch

Focus on
the Notts
County striker

FULL NAME: Iain John McCulloch.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Kilmarnock/December 28, 1954.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 10ins./11st. 7lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Ann.
CHILDREN: Fiona (19 months).
CAR: Vauxhall Cavalier 1600GL.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Kilmarnock.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Heating engineer.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Cat' or 'Cully'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Pelvic injury.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish for his all-round ability.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Kilmarnock and Ayr United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona (Argentina). He's got natural skill and ability on the ball.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH XI: Banks (Eng.), McGrain (Scot.), Moore (Eng.), Blackley (Scot.), Wilson, Stiles (Eng.), Masson, Baxter, Dalglish, Law (Scot.), Best (N. Ire.).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: West Germany's 1974 World Cup winning team. Maier, Vogts, Schwarzenbeck, Beckenbauer, Breitner, Bonhoff, Hoeness, Overath, Grabowski, Muller, Holzenbein.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Villa Park.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Burnley in 1978-79.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Archie Gemmill's volley for Scotland against Holland in 1978 World Cup.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All of them!
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Notts County v Chelsea last season when we clinched promotion to the First Division.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Winning promotion with County last season.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not turning professional earlier in my career.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf and snooker.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Winning and going home to Scotland.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Big-headed people.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Any sports programmes.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Political broadcasts.
FAVOURITE READING: Football magazines.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Rod Stewart.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Scottish fish supper.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Victoria Principal and Charles Bronson.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Private Benjamin.
BEST FRIENDS: Rangers' Jim Stewart — an old Kilmarnock team-mate — and my family.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: All the people I have played under.
SUPERSTITIONS: Too many to mention.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Dover sole.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None — yet!
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and successful in all I do.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To qualify for Europe with Notts County and play for Scotland.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Have my own business.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: David Clarke — an apprentice at County.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Queen at Wembley.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and give 105 per cent every match.

Iain McCulloch



"I think you're playing a bit too deep."

It's Fun Time

First supporter: "Our new striker should be on Mastermind."

Second supporter: "Why's that?"

First supporter: "Because he hasn't passed once!"

L. Vaccaro (15), Redhill, Surrey.

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by MITCH



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Impressive Spain blast a World Cup warning

WORLD Cup hosts Spain are starting to get things together on the field as well as off it.

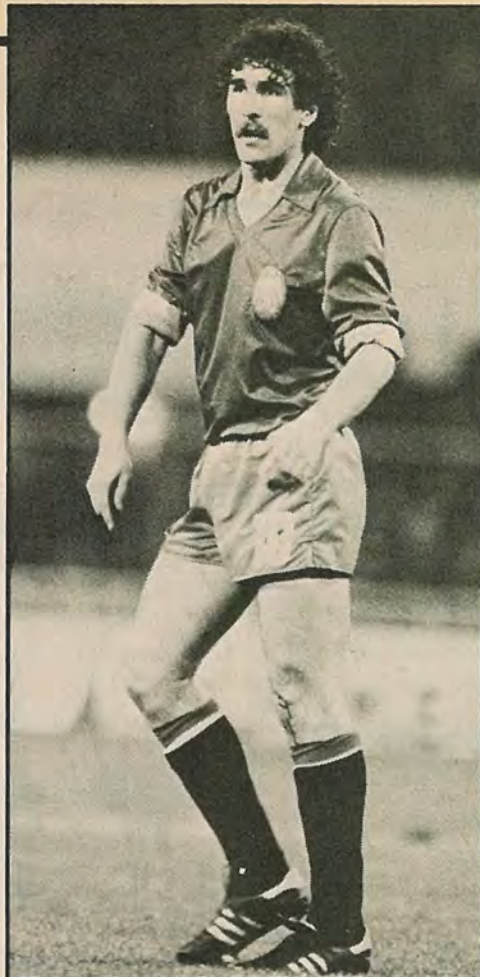
Shortly before Christmas, a team that bore a striking resemblance to the one that defeated England at Wembley last March, beat European Championship runners-up Belgium 2-0 in Valencia.

Stars

Both the goals were scored by Jesus Satrustegui, who, along with Real Sociedad team mate Jesus Zamora, threatens to be one of the Spanish stars of the Finals.

Spain's recent results have been impressive. Before the defeat of Belgium, they won 3-2 in Poland, beat Luxembourg 3-0 in Valencia and drew 0-0 with Austria in Vienna.

Right: Jesus Zamora — threatens to be one of the stars of the World Cup Finals.



Dragan breathes fire into Yugoslavia

YUGOSLAVIA breathed a sigh of relief with the news that star goalkeeper Dragan Pantelic will be fit for the World Cup Finals.

It was feared that a knee injury might force the Bordeaux 'keeper to miss the Finals.

But a doctor ruled out surgery: "He has trained hard and been through an hour's work and effort quite easily. I don't think an operation is necessary right now," he said.

Yugoslav coach Miljan Miljanic has called up a squad of about 20 players not operating overseas for special winter training in the southern Adriatic.

The national league is currently closed for the mid-season break until March.

Coutinho tragedy

BRAZILIAN football was stunned by the death of former manager Claudio Coutinho.

The 41-year-old was drowned in a swimming tragedy near his home in Rio de Janeiro. He was in charge of the Brazilian team which finished third in the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina.



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At last . . . it's New Zealand

NORWICH City's teenage striker Wynton Rufer scored the goal that took New Zealand through to the World Cup Finals for the first time.

He scored what proved to be the winning goal against China in a play-off in Singapore to decide the 24th and final qualifying place for Spain.

It completed a remarkable recovery by the Kiwis who had to win their final group match by five clear goals to force a decider against the Chinese.

They duly defeated Saudia Arabia 5-0 and in the play-off, they went two-up through Steve Woodin and Rufer, who will shortly be joining Norwich.

Huang Xiangdong pulled a goal back for the Chinese near the end.

Scrapbook

Only 20 weeks to go

Schuster's struggle

ENIGMATIC West German midfielder Bernd Schuster has been ruled out of football until March following a knee operation.

He was injured playing for Barcelona and it could be touch and go whether he will be included in the West German squad for the World Cup Finals.

Meanwhile, the German squad are already singing their way to Spain. They have recorded a long playing record entitled 'Ole Espana.'

KARL-HEINZ KEEPS CROWN

WEST German star Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (left) has retained the European Footballer of the Year crown.

In the annual prestige poll conducted by top French magazine France Football, the Bayern Munich striker received 106 points out of a possible total of 130.

The panel of sportswriters put him well clear of his international and club colleague Paul Breitner, who came second with 64 points.



Another German, Bernd Schuster, was third with 39 points, in spite of his constant problems with Barcelona and West Germany.

The best-placed British player was Ipswich's John Wark, who finished equal ninth with Juventus' Liam Brady.

The rest of the placings were: 4 Michel Platini (France), 5 Oleg Blokhin (Russia), 6 Dino Zoff (Italy), 7 Shengalia (Russia), 8 Chivadze (Russia).

Bowyer's boost

IAN BOWYER admits to being both surprised and delighted to find himself back in a Nottingham Forest shirt after a year with Sunderland.

And his return transfer to the City Ground for a giveaway £45,000 — Forest made a handsome £230,000 profit on him — brought to an end a miserable 12 months in the North East.

He was taken there and billed as a major signing by Ken Knighton and Frank Clark, his former team-mate at Forest, and it looked as if he was set for another exciting twist in his career.

But within the space of a week last April, Ian damaged knee ligaments in a training incident that put him out for several months and then saw Knighton and Clark sacked at Roker Park.

He recalled: "It wasn't a very happy situation for me to be in and although I eventually got back to fitness and started playing again in the side, it wasn't the most memorable year in my football life."

"I know Sunderland are a big club and that so much is expected of them, but I think a stage has got to be reached when they must ask themselves when all the potential is going to be fulfilled."

Unhappy

"I couldn't see it happening but I asked to go on the transfer list because I was unhappy about my own prospects there. I must confess, however, that I didn't expect Forest to come in for me."

Ian had kept an eye on the changes that had been made by Brian Clough and Peter Taylor since he departed and came to the natural conclusion that the emphasis was firmly placed on youth.

A move back to Nottingham never really crossed his mind.

Said Ian: "When Peter Taylor rang me to say he had agreed terms with Sunderland, I couldn't be anything other than pleased at the prospect of returning to Nottingham."

"It wasn't that they didn't want me any longer when I left Forest — just that they received a good offer for me and I was willing to go. Had it not been for Frank Clark,

IAN'S SO

GLAD TO BE

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FOREST

though, I might not have gone in the first place.

"I had some very happy and successful times at Forest before, even though I was never sure whether I was going to be in the side or not. I always liked the club and the city so I didn't have to think twice about returning."

"It also gave me pleasure that Brian and Peter thought enough about me to want me back. They obviously know everything there is about me and realised what they were buying."

So where does he see himself fitting in at Forest, where he was labelled 'Mr Versatile' during his earlier seven-year stint?

"I don't honestly know what they have got in mind for me, but all I can do is try my best to get in the side and stay there," he commented.

"It's more important to be selected — where you play comes after that. Obviously I've played in various positions and, like any other professional, I'll play where I'm asked."

"The great thing is that I'm involved again with a side that stands a chance of winning something. A lot of players have come and gone from Forest over the last few years but they are still a side that commands great respect."

"People keep telling me that they haven't been playing well, but I just look at the First Division table and think that a lot of clubs would settle for our position."

Ian Bowyer — back at Nottingham Forest after a miserable 12 month stay at Roker Park.

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Tony Galvin

Spurs

FULL NAME: Anthony Galvin.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Huddersfield, July 12, 1956.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5 ft 11 ins/12 st 12 lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Julie.
CHILDREN: None.
CAR: Triumph Acclaim.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Goole Town.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Student teacher.
CLUB NICKNAME: T.G.
WORST EVER INJURY: Pelvic strain which kept me out for five months at the start of last season.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Tommy Hutchison — he's quick, very strong, has skill on the ball, scores goals and can defend well.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Huddersfield.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Mario Kempes — tremendous close skill, good finisher, very quick and has a superb left foot.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Perryman, Cooper, Bremner, Charlton J., Moore, Hoddle, Giles, Best, Greaves, Highway. Sub: Hutchison.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Kaltz (W. Germany), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Passarella (Argentina), Cooper (England), Bremner (Scotland), Ardiles (Argentina), Giles (Ire), Kempes (Argentina), Best (N. Ireland), Pele (Brazil). Sub: Greaves (England).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Hillsborough.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Olympic Stadium, Tokyo.
BEST GOAL SCORED: In this season's European Cup Winners' Cup against Ajax at White Hart Lane.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Eddie Gray's goal for Leeds against Burnley in the early seventies.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Aston Villa's Kenny Swain.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: FA Cup Semi-Final against Wolves at Hillsborough last season.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Spurs winning the FA Cup last season.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Wolves getting a last minute penalty equaliser in the FA Cup Semi-Final at Hillsborough last season.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket and Rugby Union.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Eating out, modern music, winning and watching Tiswas.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Shopping, gardening, getting up and losing.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Monty Python's Flying Circus.
TV SHOWS YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Spiderman and Give Us A Clue.
FAVOURITE READING: Papers, Russian literature and thrillers.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Roger Waters of Pink Floyd.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish and chips.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Mild.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: France.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: John Hurt and Sylvia Kristel.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Elephant Man.
BEST FRIEND: My wife.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father and Goole manager Alan Turner.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Cheese omelette.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win international honours and win the League Championship.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy at home with my wife and family.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Manager of a sports complex.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Peter Southey, a young defender at Spurs.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Never think you've arrived, always try to improve yourself, but remember to have something to fall back on if you don't make it.